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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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A Rule

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused. He answered soft and low:
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And ere the question into silence died
The answer came, "Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer softly fell;
"Yea, this one thing all other things above,
God's will to love."

—Sarah Stuart Barber.

Editorial

THE World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, February 15th. This has become one of the great days in the life of missionary women the world over. To our Lord, the mountain tops were ever the place of vision and if we, His followers, would equip ourselves for the work that awaits us we, too, must withdraw from our activities and in communion with God learn afresh the source of power for service. May this day, all the plans for it, and every feature on the programme, contribute to the spirit of prayer. See that every effort is put forth to make the meeting known, magnify its greatness and enlist as intercessors during the prayer hour all those whose circumstances prevent them from attending the public service.

MISS CUDDY, SUPERINTENDENT of the ''Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital,'' Canora, was a welcome guest at the Council Executive recently. Miss Cuddy is extremely proud of the hospital and stated that ''It is one of the best in the west, outside of the big cities, and is classed as A1 by the American College of Surgeons.'' In 1927, 374 patients were treated, and ninety per cent. of these were foreigners—mostly Ukrainians and

Doukhobors. Touching on the extreme poverty of some of these people Miss Cuddy said, ''You can hardly realize what a bale of clothing means to us. One child was brought in forty miles, thinly clad and with a man's coat wrapped round her.'' At first these people are afraid of the hospital but the kind attention they receive soon removes all fear.

Last year a Hospital Aid was organized with a membership of sixteen women and they have raised $900. Other small clubs also gave gifts. ''There is,'' said Miss Cuddy, ''real co-operation between the hospital and the community.''

From other sources we learn that the hospital is the social center of the town and that when Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, Lady Thornton, and a party of the railway officials visited Canora they were entertained at our hospital at the request of the Board of Trade. On their arrival the guests, under the direction of Miss Cuddy and one of the doctors, made a tour of inspection, and Sir Henry expressed great surprise at finding such an up-to-date and completely equipped hospital at that point. Lady Thornton, who had done V.A.D. work during the War, was also greatly interested.

DR. MARGARET O'HARA paid her first visit to the Council Executive on December 4th and received a most cordial welcome. The estimates for 1929, which were under discussion, proved most interesting to her, and led her to describe to the Council Executive how the estimates on the field are drawn up. She made an earnest appeal for an ordained missionary for Gwalior. A minister who can conduct the Communion service and marry their young people is the greatest need. Dr. O'Hara has been doing deputation work since September, giving one and two addresses a day. We were also privileged that day to have with us Mrs. Horne. She spoke briefly, and paid warm tribute to the women of the west and their intense earnestness and expressed her delight at the proposed extension of work.

MISS LAMONT has returned from the Province of Quebec where she spent the past three months visiting the various branches, giving information on the work and suggesting helpful methods of carrying out programmes of study. To illustrate the loyalty of the Presbyterian people she instanced one case in the mountainous regions of the Laurentians. There are just three Presbyterian families but they have an Auxiliary of three members. In the summer time a Church service is held in the home of the President, but in the winter the Auxiliary meeting is their only chance of getting together. This meeting is a community event and is attended by all the women in the neighborhood. After the meeting the men join them and a social evening is spent. These meetings are always held at the ''full of the moon'' as, in this hilly district, the roads are neither smooth nor straight. Many other side lights on her visit in Quebec were given by Miss Lamont at the closing meeting of the Council Executive, on December 11th.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST YEAR, we find ourselves thinking of the different Council Executive meetings—one every week, except during the summer and Christmas holidays. All have been marked by distinctive features, but, to us, the outstanding one was that of November 27th.

Following the routine business, there passed as it were in review before us, our national and overseas fields, each with its appeal for extension of work. Everything they asked for seemed so necessary and one of the hardest things the members have been called upon to do was to decide which should be given precedence. Barely was this completed when our missionaries arrived—Rev. David A. Smith, Superintendent of the Chinese work in Canada; Miss Chisholm, nurse under appointment to Formosa; Miss Currie, evangelist to the Koreans in Japan; and Miss Crockett, of South China, who is taking up work among the Chinese in Toronto.

Coming direct from the Conference of Chinese Workers, in Montreal, Mr. Smith had much to tell of that gathering, also of the situation in Toronto, and the work to be done in the prairie provinces. What was done in Saskatchewan last year by Miss Crawford, Mr. Smith considers pioneer work, but it was *real* work for she got very close to the hearts of the Chinese. In Vancouver, land on which to build a mission house has been bought and paid for and the minister's home is being put in order. Mr. Smith closed with an appeal to the W.M.S. to assist in the education of two young Chinese girls who wish to go back to China, one as a kindergarten teacher, the other as a medical missionary.

Miss Ethel MacKay Chisholm, of Moose River, Nova Scotia, a graduate of Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, and post-graduate in the obstetrical course at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, was then introduced. The appointment of Miss Chisholm completes the quota of nurses we undertook to supply for the ''Mackay Memorial Hospital,'' Taihoku.

Miss Christine Currie, who has been appointed as evangelist to the Koreans in Japan, is not a stranger to us. Seven years ago she went to Korea, and we rejoice exceedingly that the way has opened for her to serve, in Japan, the Korean people she has learned to love. Miss Currie knows the language and can therefore begin work at once.

Miss Luella Crockett, of South China, who has been in Canada on an extended furlough, is to take up work among the Chinese in Toronto.

In formally welcoming these young missionaries the President said, ''It is with hearts overflowing with gratitude that we see our young people coming forward to serve their Church and the women and children in these fields, and our hope and prayer is that each one will be greatly blessed.''

The benediction by the Rev. P. W. Currie, father of Miss Currie, closed a meeting rich in vision, and in gratitude to God for the way in which He has led us.

THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR of dates should be of special interest to our members:

June 5th, 1929.—The meeting of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in Ottawa.

May 28th, 1929.—The Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

January 9th and 10th.—The annual meeting of the Council of Women for Home Missions, in Atlantic City.

January 14th to 18th.—The Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, in Detroit.

Every year since our W.M.S. became a member of the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, we have sent two representatives to the annual meetings (the war years excepted). This year, owing to the unusual nature of the programme provided by the Foreign Board, and the fact that the findings of the International Missionary Council held at Jerusalem last Easter—the most important gathering since the Edinburgh Conference in 1910—are to be featured and discussed, the Council Executive decided that, this time, instead of sending two representatives to both meetings, they would send four to the Foreign Missions meeting to be held in Detroit. The delegates are to include: The President, Mrs. Strachan and the First Vice-President, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, who have both visited the overseas fields, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Secretary for India, and Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, Secretary for Japan. Arrangements have also been made to have our two Field Secretaries, Miss Pelton and Miss Lamont, attend this conference. Only those who are constantly giving out information and inspiration have any conception of what it will mean to these field workers to attend this gathering and receive from it the refreshment they so earnestly desire.

DR. E. STANLEY JONES, widely known missionary, speaker and writer, a review of whose last book ''Christ at the Round Table,'' appears in this issue, addressed a large audience in Massey Hall, Toronto, recently. With the sureness of touch of a man conversant with his subject, Dr. Jones laid before his hearers the case of India, shedding fresh light upon the unique character of India's most discussed son, Mahatma Ghandi.

Dr. Jones approached his reference to Ghandi by a discussion of the meeting of the International Missionary Council at Jerusalem last Easter when representatives of all the different faiths of Christianity—from Quakers to Anglo-Catholics were present. Some had looked upon such a gathering of widely divergent opinions with apprehension, but a common allegiance to Christ and a common quest for Him had drawn them together. The speaker then referred to a question which the Conference was asked and expected to answer: ''Would it make any difference to Mahatma Ghandi if he became a follower of Christ?''

To show what Christianity had done for those other than the caste to which Ghandi belonged, Dr. Jones referred to the sixty million outcasts who are on the move in India. ''Many of them have broken camp and they are on the march. Where?'' It is said that one hundred thousand were turning to Christ every year. Christianity was lifting men from the lowest of the low, to be the intellectual and spiritual peers of any. The gospel was also giving a new moral nerve to Indians and replacing their fatalism with radiant belief in life.

The speaker then proceeded to show the need for a man of the type of Ghandi for Christ and hence everyone's need. ''India's great little man'' was how the speaker described Ghandi, ''who,'' he said, ''was a constant seeker after God and one who unconsciously embraced many Christian principles.'' ''But,'' he declared, ''Ghandi seeks the divinity through Brahma and Krishna instead of through Jesus, the only Way. Nevertheless he has something to give us. Ghandi teaches that life does not consist in what we can gather together, but of that which is within. He sees wealth in abundance of possessions, but also in the fewness of wants. He lives on $2 a month and wears, instead of rich clothing, a loin cloth. Underneath his religion there is a deep Christian note, that of sharing the burden of his brethren. He shows us the underlying power of our gospel. The power of going the second mile, of overcoming evil by good, hate by love, the world by the cross.''

Dr. Jones counts Ghandi as a personal friend and has frequently stayed with him, and it is his firm conviction that Mahatma Ghandi is earnestly seeking God.

IT IS A MATTER OF GREAT REGRET to every member of the Council Executive that Miss Helen McEwen, our Student Secretary, has felt obliged to resign both her Secretaryship and her membership on the Executive. Miss McEwen's devotion to her mother during her long illness, and subsequent death, with the consequent strain, has made it impossible for her to continue her membership for the present. Miss McEwen's unselfish devotion, her liberality, and the trouble she took to come into personal touch with the students has constituted a service for the Church and W.M.S. which can never be tabulated, but which is deeply appreciated.

Word has been received of the safe arrival in India, on November 10th, of Mrs. D. E. McDonald and family, Miss Lily A. Simpson and Miss Elliott. A later cable announces the marriage in Amkhut of Miss Elliott to Mr. Earl Toombs.

Everybody makes resolutions at the beginning of a new year. We would suggest that the Auxiliary members add to their list this—That they will see that every Mission Band President and Leader of Teen-age girls is a subscriber to the *Glad Tidings.* Begin with the January number and start a file. Always have a magazine at the meeting. Show the young people the pages devoted to their work, and read the letters and stories especially prepared for them. Make them feel it is their magazine and that the places and people they see in the pages are the places where they have work, and that the photos are those of their missionaries. No leader can possibly do her work without the magazine. So please, Auxiliary members, see that this resolution is not only made but carried out.

Members kindly note that the telephone number of the W.M.S. office has been changed from Elgin 3171 to Elgin 4493, Elgin 4494.

Brief History of the Day of Prayer

THE World Day of Prayer will be observed throughout North America on February 15th. The day and service has grown to something so great and far reaching that our pen fails when it attempts to picture its wonder and its power.

As is well known, the first week in January has, for a great many years, been set apart for prayer by the Christian churches throughout the world and, for a long time, it was the custom of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to appropriate one of these days (the Friday preferably) for special prayer for the work of its Society, and for this service a suitable programme was provided. This was purely a prayer meeting for the Presbyterian women, and is still observed.

With the drawing together of the different denominations, there came the vision of a federation of the Women's Missionary Boards of Canada, and the one thing on which it was felt all could unite was an interdenominational prayer meeting, and, on January 9, 1920, the Dominion-wide Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer was instituted. This meeting was held for two consecutive years, the programme being prepared by the Interim Committee of the Women's Mission Boards of Canada, to suit the five denominations then interested—Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Presbyterian.

Turning now to the United States we find that the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, and the Council of Women for Home Missions, which had previously held separate prayer meetings, came together in 1920. Two years later the Mission Boards of Canada were approached by the Women's Federated Boards of the United States and asked if they would unite with them in a nation-wide interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer for Missions, to be held on March 3rd, 1922. The request appealed to the Executive Board of the Presbyterian W.M.S., but before action was taken, the opinion of their six Provincial Societies was asked, together with the opinion of the denominations with which they were linked, and, in every instance, the decision to hold such a meeting was unanimous. Thus it came about that, from end to end of North America, on March 3, 1922, the women whose hearts were fired by missionary zeal, unitedly sought through the ministry of intercession to renew their allegiance to Christ, and so become more truly His helpers in the bringing in of His Kingdom.

Every year since its inception, this day has seen a widening fellowship of believing women uniting in prayer for missions throughout the earth. This year, as last year, the observance is world wide, and our hearts thrill with anticipation as we approach the day when Christian women and girls of all lands unite in prayer for the work of Christ the world around. It will be literally true on February 15th, that, ''From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.'' One has said, ''As the earth begins her journey around the sun on that day, groups of women and girls, and men too, in India, Japan, Korea and China and all the Orient will be wending their way to the trysting place. North and South America will follow, also the Islands and Europe, Africa, and Asia, until the world shall be encircled with a garment of praise and prayer.'' You who read these lines will surely want to join this pilgrimage and share in what has proved to be one of the most enriching experiences of the year.

One writer in speaking of this day has said: ''The testimony of the Chinese girl expresses in a unique way the reason for the exercise of prayer. Little prayers, little power; much prayer, much power; no prayer, no power. The much prayer, much power is the urge for the World Day of Prayer, a day when in oneness of spirit a great volume of prayer in the interest of the Church of Christ throughout the world shall ascend to Him to claim the promise, 'Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not'.''

The Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Mission Boards of Canada, which has charge of the service for Canada, has devoted much prayerful thought to the form which this observance should take, and the programme which they have prepared appears on this page of this issue of *The Glad Tidings.* Advance copies of the programme have been sent to all our fields, and while we pray for our missionaries and their needs we have the assurance that their prayers will also be ascending for us.—*M.C.G.F.*

The World Day of Prayer

FEBRUARY 15, 1929

To Promote Oneness in Purpose, in Service, in Intercession and Consecration for Bringing in the Kingdom of God

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

OPENING HYMN—''Crown Him with Many Crowns,'' followed by the Apostles' Creed, in unison.

SCRIPTURE READING—Philippians 2:1-15.

GENERAL CONFESSION, followed by the Lord's Prayer (both in unison).

''Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults; restore Thou them that are penitent according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Thy Holy name. Amen.''

''Our Father . . .

CHAIRMAN—Reading of the following utterances of the International Missionary Council, which met at Jerusalem, March, 1928.

''The Council recognizes that the Kingdom is the gift of God, that activities to spread the Kingdom and to extend the Gospel reach full significance only when they are a kind of 'acted prayer,' that 'we have to struggle not with blood and flesh, but with . . . the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly sphere'.''

''We have a pattern in our minds as to what form life should take. We believe in a Christlike world. We know nothing better; we can be content with nothing less. We desire a world in which Christ will not be crucified, but where His spirit shall reign. We believe that men are made for Christ and cannot really live apart from Him. Our fathers were impressed with the horror that men should die without Christ. We share that horror; but are impressed with a deeper one—that men should live without Christ.

''Herein lies the Christian motive. It is simple: We cannot live without Christ and we cannot bear to think of men living without Him . . . Christ is our motive and Christ is our end. We must give nothing less and we can give nothing more.''

PRAYER OF PETITION.

(a) For our King and Empire, our country, our community, our churches, our homes.

(b) That personal devotion to Christ and His Kingdom may actuate all teachers and students, employers and workers, legislators and electors, and that their stand in moral questions of the day may truly reflect His mind.

HYMN—''Soldiers of Christ! Arise.''

PRAYER:

(a) Missions Abroad: For the Christian Church and believers in all non-Christian lands, that they may bear steadfast witness to the gospel as the power of God unto salvation; for all non-Christian lands, and those in them who have not heard the gospel or, hearing it, have not accepted Christ as their Saviour; for Christian lands that they may realize their responsibility and receive the blessing of the nations whose God is the Lord.

(b) Missions at Home: For the work of Christ in the homeland, among native races, New Canadians, frontiersmen, strangers, sick, prisoners, all needy ones, and those who have not yet acknowledged Christ.

(c) For missionaries, deaconesses, social service, hospital and institutional workers; for a sacrificial spirit in the Church, and that the young people may respond to the challenge of Christ.

HYMN—''Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun.''

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION:

(a) *Thanksgiving*: For what has been accomplished through the International Missionary Council at Jerusalem, the League of Nations, the Kellogg Peace Treaty, relief and philanthropic organizations, the distribution of the Scriptures, Christian Literature and Women's Union Christian Colleges in foreign fields; that these means may be blessed by God for the furtherance of His Kingdom and peace and good will among the nations.

(b) *Consecration*: For the removal of all hindrances in our own lives to the manifestation of God's redeeming love and power; that we may be ready for any sacrifice in order to make Him known to all mankind; that we may learn to pray as Christ prayed and that an ever-increasing number of intercessors may be raised up until the whole Church is awakened to prayer.

HYMN—"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," followed by the Doxology (if desired).

BENEDICTION (in unison, standing)—"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen."

Day of Prayer Programmes

The Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada has prepared the usual suggestive Programme for the observance of the World Day of Prayer on February 15, 1929. The programme will be contained in the January issue of the various missionary magazines of the Women's Missionary Societies, and, in addition, the Inter-Board Committee has decided to publish copies of the programme for sale. These can be purchased from each of the Literature Departments of the various Boards and will be sold at the same price in all Literature Depots at, namely, forty cents per hundred. It does add to the beauty and dignity of the meetings if all attending are enabled to share in the responsive services, and this is only possible when a programme is in the hands of those present.

Resolution Covering Policy With Reference to Finance

For the information of those who have sent in generous contributions, the following resolution was passed by the Inter-Board Committee:

That an announcement be made in our missionary magazines, stating that where offerings are taken at the Prayer Meeting of the World Day of Prayer, after all necessary expenses have been deducted, that the balance should be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, Mrs. E. M. Trotter, 95 St. George Street, Toronto, and that these gifts should be then forwarded to Interdenominational projects approved by all the Boards, such as Christian literature in mission lands, and the Canadian Bible Society, which is interdenominational work to which the Boards all contribute.

Financial Statement of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada

May 31st, 1928. Balance on hand		$1,409.64
Disbursements		
International Missionary Council, Christian Literature for India	$750.00	
Christian Literature for Women and Children	100.00	
Christian Literature for Moslems	75.00	
Canadian Bible Society	275.00	
Canadian School of Missions	100.00	
Stenography	6.75	
Cost of Bank Drafts	1.49	
	$1,308.24	
October 31st, 1928. Balance on hand	101.40	$1,409.64

(Signed) Ellen M. Trotter,
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Chinese Workers Convention

SOME OUTSTANDING FEATURES

Rev. David A. Smith

"I WOULD not have missed it for anything." Such were the words of one delegate who, before the meetings, was "not sure" what possible good could be accomplished by them. The above remark sums up the feeling of those who attended the Annual Convention of Chinese Workers, at Montreal, over Thanksgiving week-end. The Convention is interdenominational in character, and is made up of Chinese and Canadians. It aims, not only at bringing about a better feeling between Orient and Occident, but also at helping to solve the problem of how best to get the Bible into Chinese hands, and Christ into Chinese hearts.

To understand this unique work we must note one or two outstanding convention features which show its growing importance.

The large, and ever increasing part taken by the Chinese in these meetings, probably ranks first. The whole musical entertainment rendered was in their hands, and no department shows finer evidences of years of training. One child, four years old; a group of seventeen children under six; young men ''circumspect and reverent,'' as one delegate put it, in choruses and solos; and a fine class of young women in pantomime and song; simply captivated the attention. Moreover, addresses, both in Chinese and English, were delivered, by outstanding Chinese men, on life and religion, while a number of short speeches were given by young men, members of the different Sunday Schools represented. For the first time, too, items of business were discussed and given in both English and Chinese, so that all knew what was being done. All this is indicative of the trend of the times, and certainly shows that the new spirit of China is not absent from those residing in Canada.

Reports from Sunday Schools were instructive. No department better shows the ups and downs of the work. Despite the fact that many reported a falling off in attendance, some reported an increase, while in all, optimism and determination to carry on were the keynotes. Yesterday it was forty, to-day four, but these four filled with the spirit of Christ will, in their turn, and in their own Chinese way, bring their forties into the kingdom. There was no note more emphasized in the whole Convention than that dealing with the need for more prayer, in schools, classes and homes. Here, the delegates felt, is the most fundamental need for from this is to come the success which will count ''on that day.''

A recent feature is the new missionary spirit being developed among the Chinese. It struck a large note. Much ground could be covered relating this alone. With China changing so rapidly the minds of the men in the different classes are turning very definitely toward the support of Christian work in China. This is encouraging. Hospitals, schools, colleges, Chinese Christians and non-Christians alike, in Canada, are contributing freely to this end. Famine relief, and the care of destitute children are engaging their attention. Probably the most interesting phase of all, is the splendid work being done, and money given, for the support of home missionary enterprises under the Christian Church of China. Different congregations there, are beginning to mother certain Sunday Schools and congregations. In this way a new day is being ushered in. Moreover, all this is now far beyond the experimenting stage, and, truly calls for the prayers and support of Canadian people.

We come now to a more difficult, though none the less important part of the Convention's work, that dealing with the changes we, in Canada, are facing. Only one or two of these far-reaching changes can be singled out for special mention here. First, there is the change that has come over China itself. It is very much felt in Canada. Again, the institutional side of Chinese work is rapidly developing. There is a great desire also, on the part of the Chinese to learn their own language, with the consequent falling off of the study of English. This is reflected in the decrease of Sunday School class attendance. The spreading out of the Chinese from the larger centres into the smaller towns likewise lessens the number. Add to this the most outstanding fact of all, that there is practically total exclusion of Chinese immigration into this country and the picture is complete. Despite the fact that an act was passed in 1923 bringing this about, the people of Canada are not yet seized of it. The changes brought about by this law are most far-reaching and oftentimes render Christian work among the Chinese difficult. It is beyond question that Canadian public opinion must alter toward this, and other phases of Chinese residency in Canada, if the Church with her incomparable message of peace and goodwill is to succeed, to say nothing of the international commercial interests at stake.

Grave moral questions are also raised, and must be seriously faced. The people of Canada, especially those in the churches, must reconsider this whole question, and that with an eye to the spread of Christ's message. A new Canadian viewpoint is needed. Christian consideration must be given to these pressing matters. It is time the *real* facts in the case were known, and not simply haphazard guesses about ''things as they may be.'' Confidence must be established. The Chinese in Canada are no longer indifferent to the treatment they receive and the day is passing when Canadians can afford to forget.

These, then, are some of the outstanding features, the ''high spots'' of this important gathering. There are others, such as the growing work among the young in kindergartens and Sabbath Schools; and the increasing number of young Chinese men and women volunteering for service in Christ's cause as doctors, nurses, educationists and preachers, representatives of a new China who dare to ''press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.''

Winter travel at Rouyn, Que.

Our Rouyn Mission

J. W. Foote

SINCE 1925 our Church has been able to do but little extension work in northern Ontario and Quebec. This field, owing to the rapid development of its mines, looked very promising, so it was decided by our Board of Missions to send a student there for the summer. Mr. Foote, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, volunteered to go and was sent out early in June under the direction of the Rev. Allan S. Reid, B.D., Montreal.

The Anglican Church at that time was established in Rouyn and the United Church in Noranda. These two Churches were providing for the spiritual welfare of the Protestant communion in both centres. Accordingly, it was decided that, for the time being, we should confine our work to some form of social service, with headquarters in Rouyn.

During the summer a survey was made of the country from Amos, Quebec, to Kirkland Lake, Ontario. Everywhere we were met with a warm welcome and encouraged to start services as soon as possible. Next year we have places for three students—one at Rouyn, one at Amos and one at Kirkland Lake. Kirkland Lake is growing rapidly and several Presbyterian families are living there now.

Since June our work in Rouyn has been progressing very favorably. We have met a real need, done a good missionary work and have won for the Presbyterian Church the sympathy of the people of all faiths. Then, too, we have paved the way for the extension of our work in a country which is growing rapidly and where Presbyterians are looking for our Church to take its place and carry on its fine tradition as the pioneer church of Canada.

The W.M.S. have supported our work with all their enthusiasm and have made possible the reading room and night school in Rouyn. We have rented a large reading room which the W.M.S. have furnished very attractively. This room is also used as a night school. The subjects taught are English and commercial arithmetic. We have really more men attending now than we have room for, and more joining up every night. The majority of these men are a very desirable type and well worth working with. We have Finns, Swedes, Jugo-Slavs, Czecho-Slovaks, and Hungarians. Most of these men work in the mine or smelter at Noranda. Some of them intend to settle permanently in Noranda, others are going to take up land in the west, but wherever they go, they will carry with them the kindest recollections of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which has done so much to help them to get settled in their new home.

There are a few men in the class who have made amazing progress. Some of these started a few months ago learning the alphabet and can now read and understand fairly difficult English. These men become the leaders of their groups and very willingly teach others what they have learned. Every night in our classes we read at least a chapter of the New Testament and have a short prayer. The men conduct this little meeting themselves and seem to enjoy it a great deal.

As time goes on and this country develops our Church will take its place and do its work. For the present, although we have no church in the structural sense of the word, we have, nevertheless, due to the zeal of the W.M.S. and the generosity of our people, given to our new citizens a helping hand and the welcome of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Pension Fund

REV. D. T. L. MCKERROLL, D.D.

Chairman of the Pension Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

IN the work of the Church there is a peculiar unity not always discerned even by her members. The manifoldness of her benevolent work centres around its ministry. If, then, the aged and faithful servants of God, or those prematurely disabled, or the families of those who have died in the work, are left in want and destitution, our whole system would be defective. The Pension Fund of any great organization is absolutely fundamental to its continued existence, its effectiveness and its efficient service. Realizing the fundamental necessity of a Pension Fund and the inadequacy of the provision then being made, a movement started within the Presbyterian Church in 1918, having for its goal the provision of a pension to ministers of $1,000 a year after 40 years of service and reaching the age of 70, and $400 for widows and a provision for orphan children. The present plan now before the Church was formulated and adopted by the General Assembly in 1921. The reason it was not put into operation was on account of the Church Union situation. It has always been approved by each Assembly from 1921 until

1927 when it was finally adopted by the General Assembly and adjusted to the existing personnel of the Presbyterian Church. A Pension Board was appointed and directed to formulate all rules and regulations necessary to govern the Fund and to put the same into operation as soon as possible. The Pension Fund as it now is became operative on the 6th of October, 1927.

SOURCES OF SUPPLY

The Pension Fund depends on four sources of supply, namely, a contribution from congregations and Boards of the Church to an amount equal to five per cent. of the stipend they are paying the minister or missionary plus consideration of manse when provided as per booklet; second, the interest on the endowment; third, the contribution from the Budget, and fourth, rates from ministers and women missionaries according to their attained age.

This Fund was started on a thoroughly sound and actuarial basis, all the rules and regulations governing the same being approved by Professor M. A. MacKenzie, of Toronto University.

The Fund has received a splendid reception on the part of the ministers and women missionaries of the Church. Up to the present time over four hundred have sent in their application and many congregations have acquiesced in the General Assembly's request of their share.

Unless Presbyterians violate the regulations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada every graduate before ordination and induction is required to connect himself with this Fund, which insures that the next generation of ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will all be on the fund at a very low rate, and this clause will have its relative application to women missionaries working under the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The basic principle of all pensions is that any organization claiming the right to limit a person's remuneration during their working years should see them to the end of their journey. In old age pensions therefore there is no more charity than in the salaries they are receiving during their working days. In other words it is deferred salary. There is no better investment that the Church can make than the provision it makes for its deserving aged and worn out ministers or women missionaries, nor can the Church afford to turn a deaf ear to the fatherless and the widow in their affliction. Realizing this principle banks, railroads, teachers' associations, civil service and industrial concerns all make provision for old age. To them it is a matter mainly of dollars and cents since they find it good business to make provision for the old age of their employees, thereby increasing their efficiency by removing the worry during their years of service and being the greatest factor in holding them in continuous employ once they enter the service. Every true member of the Presbyterian Church in Canada who has the best interest of the Church at heart will leave no stone unturned to giving the Pension Fund the support it deserves. Remember, it is the congregations that receive the greatest benefit from the Fund through the increased efficiency and freedom from worry of its ministers. Again, no one will desire to see the fatherless and the widows of the ministers of the Presbyterian Church unprovided for when other organizations are making such fine provision. Nor will any true Presbyterian wish to see the old and faithful servant who has given many long years to service of the Church destitute in his old age. Finally, no minister in the Church to-day who has the best interest of his home at heart but will immediately, if he has not already done so, unite with this fund, and there is no congregation in the whole Presbyterian Church but should immediately carry out what is now the regulation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, namely, placing the Pension Fund as a first charge on the revenue of the congregation on the same basis as the stipend they are paying the minister.

At the present time a very great emphasis is given to the Budget of the Church and rightly so, for it is needed, and there may be those who feel that the Pension Fund should be therefore left in abeyance until the Church has found her feet again in the process of re-organization. This is a great mistake. The Pension Fund being fundamental and foundational should find its place at the very beginning of our rebuilding, and nothing will be more conducive and effective for the increase of our Budget than to have an effective ministry freed from the worry that racks so many in carrying on the work of the Church.

One of the great services that the women of the Presbyterian Church in Canada can render, among the many that they are rendering, will be to create in every congregation an influence that will insure every congregation acquiescing in the Assembly's request of the five per cent.

If the rank and file of the Church were in possession of the information that comes to some of us in close touch with actual conditions revealing the pathetic and absolute need in many cases, there would not be much delay in giving this Fund the place which it rightly deserves in their consideration.

The Action of W.M.S. Re Pensions

In line with the action of the Church, the W.M.S. passed a resolution in 1928 that each new missionary shall connect herself with the Pension Fund before she leaves for her field of service.

HELEN M. STRACHAN,
Convener of W.M.S. Pension Committee.

Christ at the Round Table

A REVIEW

MRS. G. H. ROSS

"CHRIST at the Round-Table," by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, is the second book by the author on practically the same subject. The first "The Christ of the Indian Road" was published about three years ago and of it we might say a few words first.

The title alone shows a rare sense of the fitting and the beautiful. "The Christ of the Indian Road" brings to us a picture which remains all through the book as the heart of the matter. Dr. Jones' main theme is the necessity of presenting to India the life and personality of Jesus as they were upon the Galilean Road where He touched the life of His own people at every point of the daily round, where He lived the radically new law of life which He taught, where He loved and healed them and finally sacrificed Himself for them.

Dr. Jones tells us that the modern thinking of educated India is saturated with the thoughts and ideals of Jesus, but that they have been taught to think of Christianity and western civilization as synonymous and they have not wanted that civilization. They have always resented the western air of superiority, the dark picture drawn by the west of the life of India, of its illiteracy, child widows, caste system and temple worship and so have resented Christianity.

They are conscious, at the same time, of the failure of their own strivings to reach and realize God through their native religions. If we can show them God through the mind and spirit of Jesus the people of India, inherently philosophical and of amazing spiritual capacity will seize upon this satisfying conception of God. A Christian Church native to India, not a pale copy of ours, will spring up and not only save India from the depressing and hopeless faiths now accepted but will also make a magnificent contribution to the faith of the world.

The writer's method in both books is to quote the words of educated high castes, the intelligentsia in whom he is especially interested. He is most earnest in his contention that work among them has been delayed too long, that there is a definite crisis in the missionary work in India and that only by presenting Christ and His teachings unclouded by western conventions and civilization can that crisis be passed and the work be carried on successfully.

"Christ at the Round Table," the second book, is full of the same message, that what India needs is the Gospel as it was taught by the first disciples. Because he has found that India does not want formal doctrines but personal experience, that they are most interested in the apparent joy and peace into which the Christian enters and which he has never been able to find through his own religion, Dr. Jones conceived the idea of gathering into round table conferences representatives of different cults and Christians.

He advocates the most open mind and open discussion. He leads sincere followers of these different faiths to testify to the power of God as they have found it from their own experience. The most interesting panorama is thus unrolled before the reader. The great number and variety of faiths held by different classes of the religious life of India are shown in the words of the believers themselves. After touching in this way the highest forms of the faiths of the Mohammedan, Hindu, Brahman and all the others, the conviction of the writer rises triumphant that Jesus was indeed the very Son of God and that His followers, and His alone, are prepared by their religion for every eventuality of life. He alone and God through Him seems able to light up the inward depths of life, bring them into fellowship with God in beautiful intimacy and furnish a dynamic for human service.

An extraordinary sense of reality is created by this book. The reader is carried along with a sense of having been present at the conference, of sharing the heart searching discussions and of being convinced anew that the power of Jesus, his personality and teaching, rises supreme over the other religions of the world.

Presenting the higher types of men and thought brings India closer to us than presenting the hideous and dreadful things of her social life and the religion of the temples. The one fills with pity but the other with a sense of terrible loss of power through misdirection and the great desirability of bringing India to Christ.

Dr. Jones describes the men who took part in these conferences as full of intellectual and spiritual culture of whom any nation might be proud, and with whom it was a delight to mingle, responsive and sensitized of soul, many of them graduates of Oxford and other western universities.

The conferences once started were sought for by these men not imposed upon them and always the request was not for books of learning or dogmas but for human experience. No one was forced to speak but might sit and listen in silence. No one was allowed to speak except of how he personally had experienced or failed to experience God.

The people of India have striven endlessly but their religions do not make it possible to realize God. The higher they attain in their searching the more they withdraw from this present life. Many splendid reforms are being carried on in India but all in spite of their religion. If the patriot wants to uplift womanhood, manu must be explained away. If he calls for service, Brahma must be replaced for he is non-serving. Religion says that the inequalities of life are the result of a previous birth but the modern patriot feels that they are the outcome of a wrong organization of human society and should be righted here and now.

The non-Christian faiths carry on reforms as they move away from their base, the Christian faith as it moves towards its base.

It is borne in on the writer that the church of Christ alone meets the modern problems of the individual and of the state and solves them by the astonishingly simple but all comprehensive wisdom of Jesus.

The Hindu religions have as their highest aim identification with the universal self, God, but it is all very vague and takes many rebirths to accomplish. There is a blighting lack of certainty, and service as we know it is balked at every turn by restrictions inherent in the religion.

One Hindu patriot is quoted: ''We will never make any progress until we drop all the pundits into the Ganges.''

It is an arresting picture of India always seeking, almost ready to cast off the old forms, stretching out toward the Christ, actually in many cases practising the teachings of Jesus though not professing Him and saddest of all, often turned away by the practices of failures of Christian men or nations. It is all trembling in the balance and the Christian missions must meet the situation by absolute simplicity and sincerity, not attacking their established forms so much as bringing to them the gentle revolution of Jesus to work its own change in them.

Let us quote again from a Hindu, the principal of a college, who said before a great Hindu audience at the close of an address by Dr. Jones:

''Jesus is lighting up the soul of India as the sunrise first strikes the high peaks of the mountains and then gradually the light sifts down into the valleys. He is lighting up the finest among us and the light is gradually permeating down through the masses and we are glad to be conquered by that light.''

This book will be a great revelation to many readers of the high qualities of the Indian nation and will also stir their hearts and consciences to a new realization of our responsibilities in the bearing of the message of Christ to India.

Our Field Secretary Visits Quebec

JULY–NOVEMBER REPORT

MISS P. B. LAMONT

I SPENT the month of July in the office, ten days in Summer School at Lake Couchiching, and the remainder of August was vacation. September, October, and November were spent in the Province of Quebec, the first five weeks in the Quebec Presbyterial and eight in the Presbyterial of Montreal.

Beginning in Sherbrooke my first meeting was with the Presbyterial sub-executive, where we discussed Presbyterial needs and how to meet them. The need for more intensive work was recognized and arrangements were made for me to meet as many as possible of the different organizations of the churches. Two and a half weeks were spent with Sherbrooke as centre. Here I addressed seven meetings, including the Sunday School in the city church, and meetings of the W.M.S. at Danville, Asbestos, Melville and Flodden. Ten days were spent with Quebec as centre. Here I met with four city church groups, including the Sunday School, and visited Valcartier, Jersey Mills and Levis. Several days were spent in the Scotstown Milan district. Here I had a delightful day with Mary Murray's parents and heard graphic descriptions of her trip to British Guiana, read from her letters.

In several places there is a noticeable increase in interest in our W.M.S. work. This is especially true in the two city churches. In Sherbrooke, besides the W.M.S. Auxiliary, there are two Associate Societies, one of which has decided to give one meeting a month entirely to a missionary programme. Besides these the Ladies' Aid Society gives an annual contribution of a Life Membership, and the Young Ladies' Aid will, this coming year, make a contribution to our supply department. They also have a C.G.I.T. and Mission Band.

In Quebec, the Church is organized all along the line, and I understand has one of the finest Mission Bands on record. In some of the smaller places two meetings were held, one in the afternoon with members of the Auxiliary, where discussion centered around methods of planning and carrying out good programmes. This was much appreciated as it helped to answer the oft-repeated question, ''How can we interest more people in our work?'' The other meeting was an evening one, at which some men were always present, and where the church's missionary task was usually presented. Many of the country sections are still handicapped by lack of ministers, but faithful men and women are doing valiant service in keeping congregations together, although living anywhere from five to ten miles from the church.

While in Quebec I spent one forenoon at the docks with our port workers, and for a brief space of time was assistant in this department as it was my privilege to carry on board the train a wee two months old Scotch Presbyterian baby, who with parents and four other children, the oldest only five, were beginning the long train journey to Alberta.

The result of summer school work was shown by two young girls who had been in attendance at the summer school at Huntingdon, offering their services for Mission Band work. One of them remarked, ''I don't see how any one could listen to Mrs. Pae talk on our mission work without wanting to be a missionary.''

In the Montreal Presbyterial my time was spent in meeting with Auxiliaries, and Y.W. Auxiliaries, discussing our task and how to overtake it. I addressed many Thank-offering meetings, six Sunday services, three Sunday School sessions, and several unorganized groups, including the Women's Sewing Circle of Tyndale House. One new Y.W.A. was organized and a Sunday School class of young women agreed to add mission study to their programme. The increased interest shown in young women's work is very encouraging. The whole Presbyterial is well organized including the rural sections. I spent a week in the frontier region where the advantages to be gained by forming a new Presbyterial are being discussed. A visit to our new School Home at Huntingdon was much enjoyed. Tribute must be paid to the efficiency and consecration of the Presbyterial officers through whose wise planning and effort such good results have been attained.

In the province I addressed sixty-eight meetings, including Provincial and Presbyterial executives, and attended many others, two of which were the induction of Rev. Joseph Cordner at Sherbrooke and a reception to the Moderator of our General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. Buchanan, at Quebec.

Through a misplaced sentence in my report in the November magazine, a criticism seemed to be directed toward four Presbyterials. This certainly was not intended.

OUR LETTER BOX

Happy in Formosa

Taihoku, Formosa.

''I certainly agree with the words 'beautiful Formosa' for the scenery is simply wonderful. But, there is, as usual, the other side to the picture. As one goes through some of the streets and sees the people living in their none too clean houses, and hears the music, if one would call it such, which is made at their funerals and funeral anniversaries to frighten away the evil spirits, one feels that if only they would look around them at the beautiful land which God has given them, and be thankful to Him for it all, how different their lives would be, and how much happier.

We were welcomed very warmly at Keelung by five of the missionaries—Mr. McMillan, Dr. McClure, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Adams and Miss Cummings. As we arrived here on a Saturday, most of the missionaries from Tamsui were at the compound to welcome us, and they certainly made us feel right at home.

I am delighted with the W.M.S. house and am so glad it is to be my home in the future years. I began my language study on October 1st and, so far, I have enjoyed it very much. One would hardly imagine one's tongue could go into so many different positions, but, with practice, it seems to be able to find the right spot for the right sound. It certainly gave me a queer feeling to be in church, and not understand one word of what was said or sung. One thing I can do though, and that is to try and sing the hymns. One doesn't need to be careful about tones in this, and any mistakes (and there are quite a few) are covered up with the singing by the other folk.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed last Sunday morning at Soren Church and to me it was an interesting and uplifting service. Two adults, a man and wife, were baptized for the first time and three dear little babies were christened, one of them being the child of the first couple. Then seven new members were received into the church, and the pastor's face shone with joy as he introduced them to the congregation. I did not understand one word of the service, but the sense of worship and thankfulness expressed in the faces of those around me, gave me a greater and grander message than any I could have received from a spoken sermon.

I am going to close by saying 'Thank you' for having sent me out to Formosa. I know I am going to be very happy here.''

—Miss Margaret Ramsay.

A Letter of Appreciation from the Chinese to Mrs. Hanna

Regina, Sask.

''My friends have asked me to write to you to express our appreciation of Miss Crawford's work with us last summer. She was a very fine teacher and was liked by every one, especially the children. If at all possible, we would like it very much if she could return to us next summer. We would also be obliged if you would advise us if there is any possibility of her being with us again.''

PETITION

''Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray:
To know Thee more clearly,
To love Thee more dearly,
To follow more nearly,
Day by day.''

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for January

Hymn—"At Thy Feet, Our God and Father." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 30). *Scripture Reading*—Psalm 90. *Minutes. Business. Roll Call.* Let each member respond to her name by repeating a verse of scripture bearing on prayer. *Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Chapter IX—"Co-Workers By the Sea" (Eastern Division W.M.S.) Article No. 1. *Hymn*—"O God Our Help in Ages Past." *Prayer of Thanksgiving* for past mercies and for guidance in the new year, followed by the Lord's prayer, in unison.

Suggestions:—Divide the subject into three sections (a) Foreign Missions in the Maritime Provinces; (b) The Home Mission Work of the Presbyterian W.M.S. (East); (c) *The Presbyterian Message*—the official organ of the Society. Choose three members to lead the study of these topics. For further reference see—"The Story of Presbyterian Missions to Koreans in Japan and East Indians in British Guiana" and "The Story of Chalmers Jack Mission at Colonial, Cape Breton," published by the W.M.S. (E.D.) price 10c., and "Canada From Sea to Sea." This latter is out of print but some member in the Auxiliary may have a copy which she would lend. It would add interest to have a copy of the *Presbyterian Message* when telling of its history.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

A New Task for a New Year

WHAT magic lies in the words a "new year"! Innumerable possibilities float across the horizon of our minds at the mere thought of it. A very real and a very wonderful opportunity awaits the girls in the groups and clubs in our churches, and it is something that we have been wanting and asking about for a long time, namely a definite missionary object.

Miss McConnell, whose letter you have just read, hopes to start a Training School for nurses in the Bhil field. The Women's Missionary Society are estimating for a home for the nurses in training. It will take $1700 to build it, and they are asking us to assist by contributing $1000 towards the building fund. It would mean ever so much more to us if in the years to come we could say: "This nurses' home was built by the teen-age girls of Canada.'' Wouldn't it? Of course we all want to have a share in it, and I feel that we all want it to be our gift to the ''Girls in Training in India.''

Our offerings are to be sent in as usual to our Presbyterial Treasurer, ear-marked ''For the nurses' home in India.'' Let us start the new year activities by laying plans for this new work.—*Edith A. Sinclair.*

Nursing in a Royal Palace

Ellangowan House, Landour,
Mussoorie, U.P., India.

My dear Girls:

At present I am staying away up among the Himalaya Mountains, which is undoubtedly one of the most glorious range of mountains in the world. Many of us are here for language study. As we look down from our great height, on one side we see the houses built, dangerously we think, on the edges of the mountain ledges and then, far away miles and miles of plains. On fine days we are able to see the courses of rivers one of which is the Ganges. Some time ago these plains were dazzling white and there was no sign of the green fertile fields which are now clearly visible since the rains have come. On the other side of our particular mountain we look down a sheer precipice beautifully wooded and green, then other mountains rise up and far up on the horizon—the ''Everlasting Snows'' with shining peaks often gleaming with wonderful colors.

Mountains are mentioned several times in the Psalms. We read in Psalm 30, verse 7 (margin) ''Lord by Thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong'' or ''Thou hast settled my mountain.'' When one is new and ignorant many things loom up like mountains, apparently unaccessable, impossible to climb, such as language study, which is difficult, yet when we remember that ''The Lord has settled our mountains,'' we rejoice and press onward.

In the beginning of the year when Dr. Buchanan, our esteemed Moderator, asked me if I would go and nurse the young Rani of Chhota-Udepur State, which borders on the State of Alirajpur which is the centre of our work in Central India, it seemed to me that I had come up against one of the unaccessable mountains which I could not climb, on the other hand, when I thought of the inestimable privilege that was mine I consented to go. Before going to Chhota-Udepur I had been in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Maitland where one day a lovely baby girl arrived. How sweet she was, and how dearly she was loved by her parents! Do you suppose they would part with her? No. It was almost like playing with dolls again to have this baby to take care of.

About a week after I left Jobat, the call came for me to go to

Chhota-Udepur. I went immediately. On arriving there I was taken to the home of the British Administrator, Major T——, a very fine Irishman. Two days later a car came from the Palace for me, and when I arrived there I was very much surprised to find so many people gathered around the verandahs. I learned afterwards that they were waiting to be informed of the exact minute of the birth of the Rani's baby. Several hours after I reached the Palace a dear little baby girl was born. Was there any rejoicing? No. There were tears of disappointment on every hand. I could not help being struck with the two homes in which I had nursed, in the one the baby was loved and welcomed, in the other, it was not wanted. The soldiers who had been in readiness to shoot off their guns did not shoot them off, neither did the band play. The young Rani was a very charming girl of seventeen. When her baby was a week old she became very ill, all we could do was of no avail. The doctors said there was no reason why she should not recover but she had no desire to live. The sad part was that her own mother had told her that her husband did not want her. (I learned since that the priests had told her mother she would not get better and not to force her to take food or medicine). How very thankful we girls ought to be who have been brought up in Christian homes and know what love is. The little Princess did not know anything about love except that her nurse and the British administrator's wife gave her. You may be sure we gave her lots. How I longed for the Rani to recover, for her own sake as well as for her baby's. She did not recover. The scenes and customs witnessed at the time of her death I shall never forget.

It was a consolation to me to feel that I had been faithful in telling the Rani the story of Jesus and his love before she became very ill. She was interested in all I had to tell her.

When you think of the case I have just told you about don't you long to be able to come over to India and help us win these people for Jesus Christ?

It makes us very happy to go into the homes of our Christian Bhils and see how the mothers love their children. Why is it? because they have been told the story of Jesus and His love and have left off worshipping spirits and now worship the true God.

I shall appreciate your prayers as I return to the plains and if any of you care to write to me I shall try to answer your letters and give you any information about my work you may desire to have.

With all good wishes for your work on the home field.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel McConnell.

For more of the story of the princess see October *Glad Tidings.*

A Christmas Project and How it Worked

WELCOME and Welfare work always makes its appeal to our girls. Judging by the splendid supplies sent in to her for distribution, Miss Lillian Macarthur suggested that the groups adopt a family spending their first Christmas in Canada and send to each member a gift. The idea grew into reality and in November the British Settlement Society furnished a list of Presbyterian families scattered over Canada, mostly in Ontario. As leaders inquired, ''What can we do for Christmas?'' a family was submitted. The following extract from one leader is evidence of the joy with which they entered into this project: ''I know you will be anxious to hear whether or not we have adopted the MacDonalds, so I must hasten to assure you that we have, with wide open arms. The other night as we discussed the hows and the whats and as the little 'free will offerings' were handed in I was vividly reminded of the second, third and fourth verses of 2 Corinthians, Chapter 8; for it is from the homes which are the humblest and neediest that the liberality most abounds and I had to smother a tight feeling in my throat as I tried as tactfully as possible to keep the willingness within the bounds of ability. The restraining had even to include a Chinchilla rabbit to be forwarded to the six year old Highlander, with written directions as to the food tied around his (or her) neck. I did not enquire as to whether the directions are to be in the Gaelic or not.''

Affiliated Groups:—

Alberta: Napared, First Ukrainian Presbyterian Church; Pals, Strathcona; Excelsior, Westmount, Edmonton.

Ontario: The Margaret Larkin, Seaforth; Buchanan, Newmarket; King's Daughters, Vankleek Hill; Sunshine Group, Port Elgin; Juniors and Seniors, Walkerton; Cheerio, Wohelo, Highway Travellers, Wide-awakes, Four Leaf Clovers, Erskine Church, Ottawa; Torch Bearers, Central Church, Brantford; St. Andrew's Girls' Club, Prescott; Young Women's Auxiliary, Knox Normanby; Red Wing, Tiverton; Busy Bees, Horning's Mills; Jolly Junior West Fort, Fort William.

Quebec: Sunshine Club, Knox-Crescent, Montreal; Girls' Club, Valleyfield; Pollyanna Club, Tyndale House, Montreal; The Wofalo, True Blue, Bluebirds, Chippewa, Uroneteka groups, First Presbyterian Church, Verdun; Lihelo, Bluebird, Maisonneuve, Montreal; Silver Band, Stanley Presbyterian Church, Westmount; ''Hearts of Oak'', St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon; Wide Awake Club, Montreal East; Junior Girls' Auxiliary Club, Mount Royal Vale, Montreal; Two Foot Club, Knox Crescent, Montreal; Sertula, Lachute; True Blue, St. Lambert.

We are delighted with the way in which affiliations have come in. Now that we have definite work to do, we would like every group to affiliate as soon as possible.

MISSION BANDS

A Message to Mission Band Leaders

A HAPPY New Year to you, dear leader, and to each member of your Band. May it be a year of joy and happiness in the work for our great Leader, Jesus Christ. This year I am asking you to give special thought to the mothers of the boys and girls under your care. A number of leaders regret a lack of interest in the work, on the part of the W.M.S. members and mothers of the children. I am looking to you leaders to try and remedy this. One suggestion I would make, which may not be new to some of you, is that at least twice a year you invite the Auxiliary and the mothers to attend a meeting for which the Band members provide the programme. In this or any other way you deem best, try to win non-interested mothers. You need their sympathy, co-operation and help at work meetings.

Now for our boys and girls I have a beautiful New Year's message. There is to be a children's nursing home built at Amkhut, India, and I want our Mission Bands to furnish it. How can they do this? By each member giving five cents over and above what they gave in 1928. If each member gives up one ice cream cone a year or that amount in candy, the Mission Bands of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be able to furnish this home. I am sure you leaders will be glad of this incentive and I am equally certain that our Bands will be delighted to do this for the little Bhil children. May God bless and prosper this undertaking.—*Laura A. Dill.*

A Little Pine Tree

As told by Rev. A. S. Rintoul

ONCE upon a time a litte pine tree began to grow at the edge of a great forest. At first it was so very tiny and small that the violets and the forget-me-nots looked down upon it and said in scorn, ''what a tiny pine tree you are, do you think you will ever amount to much?''

A great pine tree standing by said to the little pine tree, ''never you mind what the flowers say, for some day you will tower high above them. There is, however, a word of advice I would like to give to you, and that is, learn to grow straight for only the straight are strong. And if you grow straight and strong some day no doubt men will come and cut you down and take you away and they will make of you a telephone post and upon you will be strung the wires over which you will hear the whispering voices of men as they converse together though many miles apart. Or, perchance, they will take you to a seaport town to set you upon a ship, to sail away out upon the sea and view the wonders in the distant harbors of the world.''

But the great winds were ''listening in'' on this friendly conversation of the trees and they said as they whispered together, ''We shall see whether this little pine tree will grow straight and be strong, for we will blow upon it, beat it and buffet it until we bend it to our purpose and break it by our will.''

So through the passing years the great winds blew with fury and the growing tree swayed to and fro in the storm, but during each violent onslaught of the wind, the little tree would say, ''I must keep straight, for only the straight are strong.''

Then after many years had come and gone and the little pine tree had grown straight and tall and strong, men came, as the older tree had prophesied, and cut it down, took it away to the sea and set it up as a mast on a great ship which sailed proudly out upon the deep. Again the great winds said to each other, ''When the little pine tree was growing beside the forest it was sheltered by the other trees, but now away from its friendly neighbors and all alone, we shall beat upon it and buffet it and this time we shall surely bend it to our purpose and break it by our will.''

So the storm clouds gathered, the winds blew furiously, the ship groaned amidst the wild seething waters as if in mortal pain. The great mast creaked and swayed and the sailors looked up and said, ''If the mast goes the ship is lost,'' but to itself the mast repeated the maxim it had learned many years before, ''I must keep straight, for only the straight are strong.'' So, strengthened in its heart by this noble resolve it weathered the storm and defeated the will of the wind. When the storm ceased from its raging, the sailors again looked up and said, ''It was only the mast that saved us.''

Yes, it was only the mast that saved the ship and all the precious lives upon that ship, and it was able to achieve this victory because it had grown straight and therefore strong.

Boys and girls, there is something for you to remember in this story. If you want to be strong you must learn to grow straight and that means, to grow clean in thought, true in word, and kind in deed. The time to start is not when you have left your boyhood and your girlhood behind, but now, to-day, is the accepted time for you to grow straight and to be strong. Let me, too, remind you that just as the little pine tree had a wise counsellor by its side, so you have Jesus, your Friend, standing by, Jesus who while upon the earth in the midst of men said, ''Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'' Yes Jesus is standing by to speak to you words of counsel and to give you shelter under the very shadow of His wings. Therefore remember the story of the little pine tree to grow straight and therefore to be strong for life, for love, for God.

Prayer

O LORD GOD Of Our Fathers, we praise Thee that we can call Thee, our Father. We do thank Thee for Thy loving care of us throughout the days that are past. Guide us, we beseech Thee, as we enter the unknown paths of the New Year. We rejoice that amid all the changes of earth Thou are unchangeable and that in all the perplexities that beset us, Thou wilt be our guide. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy son, Christ Jesus, our Lord, for His life and example; for His confidence in us; for the work He left us to do and for the blessed assurance that His presence will be with us so long as we seek to obey His last command to preach the gospel to every creature. We thank Thee for life, for its joys and for all those happenings that have driven us to Thee in prayer. Thou, who has taught us to pray—Thy kingdom come—hear us as we pray for the spread of Thy gospel throughout the world. Bless abundantly the missionaries of the Cross everywhere, and be especially near to those known to us. Baptize our Church anew with Thy Holy Spirit. Quicken her members to nobler endeavors, greater zeal and a more complete consecration. Remember especially at this time our Empire and His Majesty, the King, and, if it be Thy will, restore him to health. Give guidance to those in authority and endue all leaders with wisdom. Comfort all who mourn. Thou hast called us to be co-workers with Thee in spreading Thy gospel, help us to be honest in our stewardship; to love what is right; to follow what is true and to be faithful to our task. Forgive us of our sins and prepare us for whatever Thou hast in store for us and may we go forward with courage, remembering that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. J. H. ACHESON, 11728-94TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. HARBACK, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. Cameron, Mission Band Secretary, Calgary, assisted at the organization of a new W. M. Aux., at High River, November 17, Mrs. W. Buchanan, President.

Rev. Mr. Glowa, pastor of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, spent considerable time this summer in visiting his countrymen scattered about the province, among them the parents of children who are in the Boys' Home, Vegreville.

The Moderator of the General Assembly was present at the meeting of Synod, held in Calgary, and told of his work among the Bhils in India. Mrs. Allott brought greetings from the W.M.S., and outlined its work, and Miss Foote, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, spoke of the work among Presbyterian immigrants.

Mrs. McQueen gave an inspiring talk on some pictures called up by certain visits while on her trip abroad, at the November meeting of First Church W. M. Auxiliary.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Strathcona W. M. Aux., members of the Mission Band assisted in the programme and Rev. F. D. Roxburgh spoke on foreign work, stressing that under Rev. L. Young, among the Koreans in Japan.

Mrs. Adam, Presbyterial President, addressed Westmount Thank-offering meeting, and also a meeting of the Mission Circle of First Baptist Church, at which some 60 members were present.

Rupert Street M.B.—20 members—dressed 13 dolls, and made scrap-books, toys, etc., altogether 63 gifts for McMurray Hospital, and also gave $2 toward sending them.

Willing Workers M.B., First Church, made 12 wash-cloth dolls for little patients at McMurray, and also sent a parcel of picture cards, etc., to a school in British Guiana.

Vegreville had an Armistice service in the schoolhouse when the Canadian Legion War Veterans sent a wreath of maple leaves and poppies in memory of Mike Stoporak, a former pupil who had fallen. The David Livingstone M.B. now has over 50 members on the roll. The W.M.S. held a Thank-offering meeting November 13, and is studying "The Royal Road."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. WM. CUTHBERT, 1820-5TH AVE. WEST, VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

VANCOUVER—At the October meeting of the Provincial Board of the W.M.S. the President gave an interesting report of the Synod meetings, every session of which she had attended. At one of these the Synod asked the help of the women in raising the budget.

A Thank-offering meeting, held in Fairview Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, was well attended. Rev. Mr. Munroe gave an address on the subject of the ''Covenanting Fathers.'' He told with solemn earnestness, how much we owe to the courage and steadfastness of our Presbyterian forefathers. A generous contribution was received.

The Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church held their annual Thank-offering meeting on October 1st. Rev. D. J. Graham, from Alberta, gave an interesting talk on his work in that province.

Mount Pleasant Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting on November 7th. An illustrated lecture on missionary work in Formosa was given by Mrs. G. W. Ledingham. The Mission Band also took part by presenting a pageant entitled ''Our New Chums'' depicting children who come from other lands to our Dominion, and showing how they are received by our Church and helped to become Canadian citizens. Presentation of Life Memberships were made to Mrs. James Harley, Mrs. Henderson, and Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, and Junior Memberships to Janet Mckellar, Kathleen Martin, Eliza Sutherland and Bessie Nelson.

Miss Margaret Grigor, a graduate of the Vancouver Bible School, left this month to take up deaconess work in Fort William, under Dr. Grant of St. Andrew's Church. Before leaving she was made the recipient of gifts and good wishes from associates in various spheres of labor. St. Paul's Auxiliary presented her with a leather travelling bag, Dr. MacBeth presented a copy of his own book ''The Burning Bush in Canada.'' The Presbyterian Chinese Sunday School also gave her gifts and wished her God speed.

Victoria—A successful Thank-offering meeting was held at George Mission. Mrs. Kendal read a portion of the ''Royal Road,'' Mrs. McQueen gave an address on her work among the Chinese. The meeting was well attended and the work in this small mission is very encouraging.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting in the Church parlors, with a capacity audience. Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell gave an interesting address on his work in the Chinese mission field, illustrating it by lantern slides. The offerings have been good this year, a fine spirit being manifest among the people.

St. Paul's Auxiliary, by special permission, held their Thank-offering service on the weekly prayer meeting night, thus bringing before the men and women of the congregation the work of the Society.

Knox Auxiliary held their Thank-offering meeting on October 23rd. There was a good attendance. An inspiring address on India was given.

At the rally of the Auxiliaries of Victoria Presbyterial, Mrs. J. Cotsford and Mrs. J. A. McIntosh told of the Council meeting. The Secretaries reported on the work of their department. Mrs. Luttrell was heartily welcomed.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEO. S. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. J. S. HUTCHISON, Provincial President, gave a fine address at the meeting of Synod in First Church, Winnipeg. She brought greetings from the Provincial Board, stating that they are ready with sympathy and co-operation to extend the work of our beloved Presbyterian Church throughout the province. A brief review was given of the progress being made in our different national and overseas fields and appreciation expressed of the work accomplished by the various missionaries and secretaries, special reference being made to those who are working with physical handicap and amid great difficulties. A plea was made for students for the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home —girls with a high standard of education and personality. The need for more prayer was specially emphasized.

Elmwood W.M.S. was organized October 4th by Mrs. Long, Presbyterial President. This Society is in connection with St. John's Church, Winnipeg.

The annual Thank-offering of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, was held November 9th. Rev. W. M. McKay, missionary for Northern Ontario and Eastern Manitoba was the speaker. Mr. McKay outlined the work in Northern Ontario and made an earnest appeal for leaders for all branches of work, and especially for mission work on which the future success of the Church depends.

Mr. McKay also addressed the open meeting of the Synod on mission work and made an urgent appeal for young men to train for this service.

The following items were reported by Mrs. A. G. McDonald:

Brandon P.S.—First Church held their annual Thank-offering meeting in their new Church, the occasion was one of thanks-giving as well as thank-offering. The Rev. C. S. Oke conducted the devotions. Mrs. D. W. Yuill, Presbyterial Y. P. Secretary, gave an account of the Council meetings, and conveyed to those present some of the enthusiasm and earnestness of those assembled at Vancouver.

Glen Souris.—On October 21st, a Mission Band was organized. Miss

Gill is Superintendent, and Alva Moggach President. Mrs. Hamlin, Forrest, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, presided and asked for the co-operation of the mothers with the leader, and emphasized the duty they owe the children. She then took them on a journey to Japan, showing them the difference between a Christian and a heathen land.

Birdtail Reserve.—The W.M.S. here was re-organized October 22nd. The death of Mr. and Mrs. John Thunder was a great blow. A few loyal members however seemed anxious to have an Auxiliary again, and so it was re-organized with Mrs. Jerry Bunn as President. Let us all be much in prayer for these small but loyal groups who have so few to carry on, but to whom these meetings mean so much.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

ALGOMA P.S.—The annual Thank-offering of the "Florence Graham" Auxiliary of Knox Church, Sudbury, was held on October 9th. The address was given by the new minister. Dr. Wyllie. There was a good attendance and a Thank-offering of $31.

Guelph P.S.—The autumn rally of Guelph Presbyterial, on October 29th, was attended by delegates from Acton, Hespeler, Preston, Galt and Kitchener. Later in the week Dr. Margaret O'Hara addressed meetings, including Mission Bands in Elora, Fergus, Duff's Church, Puslinch and Elmira.

Paris P.S.—All Societies report final shipments of bales of clothing, barrels of apples and canned fruit. Many Thank-offering services have been held, when addresses were delivered by Miss MacMurchy, Mrs. Locheed and members of the Paris Presbyterial Executive.

The sudden death of Mrs. J. W. Robertson, a member of Central Church, Brantford, Supply Secretary of this Presbyterial for many years, has brought widespread regret.

We rejoice in the safe arrival of our missionary, Miss Margaret Ramsay, of Brantford, at Taihoku, Formosa.

Peterborough P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, in Lakefield, was held on November 7th. The President of Ontario Provincial Society, Mrs. William Rochester, was the chief speaker. Miss MacMurchy addressed the annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, which was held on November 9th.

Toronto P.S.—A rally of girls' groups arranged by Mrs. Booth, Presbyterial C.G.I.T. Secretary, Miss Edith Sinclair and Miss Muriel Gray, held in Calvin Church, Toronto, on November 24th, was attended by about two hundred young women. Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll spoke on behalf of the National Girls' Work Board, Mrs. Daniel Strachan, on the work in Formosa and Japan, while the work for girls in British Guiana was described by Miss Barlow, our W.M.S. Missionary there, who is spending her furlough in further study at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, The "Manse", Beauharnois, Press Secretary

MONTREAL P.S.—The quarterly executive meeting was held in Knox-Crescent Church lecture hall, November 16th, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, presiding.

The Treasurer reported that $4,216.71 had been received from Auxiliaries since September 27th, and stated that while the financial outlook was encouraging, there is need for sustained effort by all to reach and, where possible, exceed their allocations.

The Home Helpers' Secretary reported 56 new members, bringing the total membership up to 1,108, and expressed her appreciation of the splendid work done by the Auxiliary Secretaries.

Young Women's Secretary reported the organization of a new Y. W. Auxiliary in Stanley Church, with a membership of 12. Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, who has been engaged for the past few weeks in work in the Montreal Presbyterial, has visited many of the Y. W. Auxiliaries, and has been a source of much encouragement and inspiration.

Supply Secretary reported that supplies had been received to the value of $70.55 since September 27th, and that the furnishings for two rooms had been sent to the Mission at Rouyn, Que.

Girls' Work Secretary reported the organization of many Girls' Clubs. The interest displayed by them in the mission study is an encouraging feature of this work. A rally for leaders and prospective leaders was held in Knox-Crescent Church, October 23rd, at which Mrs. Scott Mackenzie and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty were the speakers.

The Library Secretary reported that all the magazines required for Mr. J. W. Foote's reading room at Rouyn Mission had been donated by different Auxiliaries, and a letter of thanks and appreciation had been received.

Life Membership Secretary has received applications for 4 Honorary, 4 In Memoriam, 7 Life Membership and 9 Junior Certificates; also 6 silver and 4 blue seals.

The name of Miss Barbara Dougherty was added to those assisting in the Leaders' Training School, held in Huntingdon, her name having been omitted, and tribute was paid to the excellent work done by her.

Mrs. W. D. Reid and Mrs. W. J. Fowler were appointed, to allocate to the different Auxiliaries, the various missionaries and workers, for special prayer and consideration by them.

Miss H. D. Rhind, Provincial Lantern Slide Secretary, described the slides available for Auxiliaries, and showed the new slides of Japan and Korea, made from photos taken by the delegation to the Orient.

The annual meeting will take place on February 5th in First Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S.—Professor J. L. Stewart's illustrated lecture on China was an exceedingly interesting feature of the annual Thank-offering meeting of the Parkview W.M.S. Professor Stewart spoke on the characteristics of the country and people. His remarks were illustrated by slides showing how the Chinese and missionaries live in China. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. G. McTavish. Rev. J. W. Burnett, assisted by Mr. Stewart and Mr. B. L. Johnston conducted the devotions. During the evening, Miss Mary McTavish, a member of the Gallant Girls Club, was presented with a Junior Membership in the W.M.S.

The ''Measure Girls' Circle,'' of Parkview Church, prepared a box of Christmas presents for the children of some of our mission stations. This is an affiliated group of juniors composed of girls from two Sunday School classes with their teachers.

Regina P.S.—The ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band held a Christmas concert, Saturday, December 1st, to which all the children and parents of First Presbyterian Church were invited. After a delightful programme was concluded, the children were the guests of the ladies of the W.M.S. at a little tea party, when sandwiches, cake, candy and cocoa were served.

Life Members

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HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. E. D. McLaren and Mrs. W. J. White, by Mr. Donald McLeod by request of the late Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. J. B. Campbell, by Mr. Campbell, Central Aux., Vancouver.

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(*Honorary and Junior Members list will appear in February.*)

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Chatham P.S.—Jessie Louise Macdonald Leitch, to her husband, Mr. Malcolm Leitch, Amherstburg Aux. **Glengarry P.S.**—Angus A. MacLeod, to Mrs. Angus MacLeod, Skye Aux. **Guelph P.S.**—Miss Mary Jackson, by her sister, Miss Cecilia Jackson, St. Andrew's Aux., Fergus. **Lindsay P.S.**—Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan McPhail, by their daughters, through Sonya Aux., Mrs. T. H. Beecroft, by Bolsover Aux., Mrs. Hugh Wilson, by her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Wilson, Cannington Aux. **Ottawa P.S.**—Rev. D. M. Gordon, by D. M. Gordon Aux., St. Andrew's Ch., Ottawa. **Sarnia P.S.**—A. J. Ross, by his daughter, Mrs. Thos. Brand, Forest Aux. **Toronto P.S.**—Dr. John Wilkie, to his sister, Miss Wilkie, by John Wilkie Y.W. Aux., Chalmers Ch., Toronto; Hester Anna Thomas, by Mrs. T. R. Barford, Knox Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Jane Hardy, by her daughter, Mrs. McNeill, The Wallace Aux., Cooke's Ch., Toronto.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

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JUNIOR MEMBER

Mary G. McTavish, Parkview M.B., Saskatoon.

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Receipts	21,484.00	
Disbursements		$13,064.00
Balance in Bank		12,840.09
Pension Fund		5,248.49
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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

THE estimates for 1929 appear in this number. Though at first glance the sum may seem large, it is simply the amount received from our Society in 1927, and we believe that by the exercise of prayer and work, our membership will rise to meet their responsibility. Did we doubt this, the following story of what a band of women, who work or have little families dependent on them, have done would rebuke our lack of faith. Their example should surely compel us to ask ourselves, what is our answer going to be, this year to the question— What is in thine hand, of time, talent and treasure for the Master whom we also seek to serve?

The letter which is from Rev. R. Koffend runs thus:

> ''Enclosed you will find two cheques, one for one hundred and twenty dollars from our Bible School, and one for twenty-five dollars from the 'Willing-hearted Workers.' The larger sum is to go for the support of a Bible-woman in Manchuria for a year, which we are told will cost sixty dollars and the equal balance is to be used for the support of a similar worker in India on the field where Dr. John Wilkie worked so long and faithfully. This money comes from the White Gift Service at Evangel Hall when a total of about one hundred and eighty-five dollars was given. You will realize that this sum, given in one day, means for some real giving of the sort the Lord blesses and uses. The cheque for twenty-five dollars is to go for the support of a child-widow in Gracebai's Home at Gwalior. Some of this twenty-five dollars was brought in by the women who received from Mrs. Koffend the sum of twenty-five cents each as 'talent' money and they were to multiply it. One of them brought in over twelve dollars which she had earned by making and selling candy. Others obtained varying amounts.
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> We are very happy to think that Evangel Hall may have this share in the work afield and trust that it may be richly blessed by the Lord to whom we offer it.''

MISS CUDDY, Superintendent of Canora Hospital, teaches us what it means to go the second mile, in sacrificial service, for not long ago she gave up the chance of attending the hospital convention in Regina to go to a Thank-offering meeting of the Stornoway W.M.S. Berves and Stornoway are joint fields, eleven miles apart. Stornoway, like Canora, is mostly foreign, the church there has about ten families. Berves is a Scotch settlement and has quite a church. The Stornoway W.M.S. have about five or six members and the rest come from Berves. One lady, when the

Society meets in Stornoway, comes seventeen miles to the meeting and doesn't mind it! At this meeting Miss Cuddy invited the members to drive over and see the hospital. They were greatly interested in what she had to say and next day a car load arrived, and they were both surprised and delighted with the institution.

THE DEATH, IN MONTREAL, on December 30th, of Mrs. George A. Grier, removes an honored officer of the W.M.S. Mrs. Grier was for many years President of the Woman's Missionary Society, Montreal, and held that office until two years before the time of amalgamation of the three Societies in 1914, when she became Honorary President of Quebec Provincial Society. Those of us who were in Montreal, in 1924, at the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of the W.M.S., link in our memory of that event the unforgettable messages of Mrs. Grier and the late Mrs. John Thorburn of Ottawa. The Council Executive passed a resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Grier's family in their bereavement, and under the Quebec Provincial News there appears a beautiful tribute to her work and memory by Miss Kate M. Campbell, of Montreal.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY goes out to Mrs. John Wilkie, late of Jhansi, India, who has suffered a further bereavement in the death, by accident, of her eldest son, William McLaren Wilkie of Detroit. We commend to God's comfort Mrs. Wilkie and her family and other members of our Society, known and unknown to us, who have suffered the loss of dear ones.

IN MANCHURIA, work is now being carried on in three large cities, in Taonan by Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and Mr. Reoch, in Szepingkai, by Miss Kok, and in Tungliao by Miss Graham. All are eagerly calling for more helpers. We beseech our members to pray earnestly that some one will speedily obey the call to serve in this field of unequalled opportunity.

SOME TIME AGO we received from Miss Caroline Macdonald, of Tokyo, an article which had been reprinted from the *Japan Christian Quarterly*, entitled, ''Until She Find It.'' It is a series of jottings, from what Miss Macdonald whimsically terms her doomsday book of daily life, and indicates in a very real way the things she finds to do and how the power of living faith can glorify and redeem all life. The Publications Department have had the article printed in leaflet form and it is now available at the head office, price five cents.

Three other leaflets are also ready, ''Our Indian Work at Birtle'', ''What I Have Learned About Amkhut'', and ''Be Yourself''. These are all reprints of articles which appeared in *The Glad Tidings.* The first two, as the titles indicate, deal with our own work, the last is valuable for workers among young people. Price, five cents each.

WE REGRET EXCEEDINGLY to report the resignation of Miss Gertrude Lawrence from the Chinese work in Vancouver. In the withdrawal of Miss Lawrence, the Chinese lose a well-beloved friend and the W.M.S. a valued member of staff.

Miss Sibyl Crawford, a graduate of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, who served the Chinese in Saskatchewan very acceptably last year, has been appointed to succeed Miss Lawrence. Miss Crawford will spend a definite time in language study the better to equip herself for this work.

TOOMBS–ELLIOTT—At the Bhil Mission Church, Amkhut, India, on November 15th, 1928, by the Rev. D. E. McDonald, Miss Cecilia Bernice Elliott to Mr. Arthur Earl Toombs.

The members of the W.M.S. unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Toombs life's choicest blessings.

OWING TO THE SPACE required for the estimates, the account of the Amkhut wedding, letters, Life Members and other material had to be left over.

Our Estimates and Financial Outlook

OUR estimates for 1929 are at last complete and ready to present to you in this issue of our magazine. We hope you will approve of the plans made for the year's work and, as always in the past, be ready to help make it possible to carry them out.

Our total estimate for the year is $188,930, but the amount we are asking from the membership is $180,000, the amount we received for 1927. The other $8,930 is provided for, by a gift of $5,000 from Mrs. M. G. Abey, of Brandon, for the Children's Nursing Home at Amkhut, and $3,930 from our Legacy Fund, which of course, is always considered a capital account.

The Council Executive decided that for this year any expansion undertaken in the way of new building, should be in the overseas fields, where so much in this way is being urgently asked for. Our Commission reported that in both our fields in India we must consider new buildings if our work is to be done as we hope to have it.

Therefore, besides providing in the regular estimate for the Children's

Nursing Home at Amkhut, completing the bungalow, so very much needed, at Jobat, and a new bungalow for our missionaries at Gwalior, we have added a small list of very necessary buildings in these two fields, which will be undertaken if our receipts during the year warrant it. Also two new missionaries, other than those estimated for, and one worker for the Welcome and Welfare Department under our National Missions. This extra estimate, as you will see, amounts to $12,700 and I am very hopeful that we will be able to meet it all.

This year, so far, promises well and we hope that by the end of January we will be able once more to report that our members have done all and a little more than was asked. This year has not been all easy, once in July we had to borrow $20,000 from our Sustaining Fund to carry us over the summer months and again in October, our funds ran very short. But all that was necessary was to let our Provincial Treasurers know how empty our treasury was and it was wonderful how quickly our embarrassment was removed. Money came in small amounts and in large from all parts of our country, in many cases from people who did not know how badly it was needed. And so once again a hard corner was safely passed and our faith strengthened.

We have had a very wonderful year for we have been able to carry out all the work planned and to close our year with a balance. How much this balance will be we cannot say until our money is all in for the year, but that we have one at all is a matter for great thanksgiving to our heavenly Father.

(Mrs. R. C.) S. B. Donald,
Treasurer.

At Work and at Play in the School Homes

Miss J. Florence Lang

THE story of our missions in the north and west is of interest to every member of the Women's Missionary Society. Ever since the discovery of gold in the Klondyke, in 1894, Canada has been the land of promise to the peoples of the overcrowded centres of Europe. During thirty years, stories of the wealth of our mines, and of our boundless prairie stretches, have fired the ambition of the natives of all the European lands, and nearly every steamer westward bound has brought to our shores settlers, filled with the common desire, to make a home for themselves in this great new land. Many of those who came were ill-prepared to withstand the rigors of a Canadian winter, and much sickness and suffering was experienced during the first years. It has been the aim of the Presbyterian Church to reach these newcomers, to help them in their

loneliness, and to minister to them in sickness of body and soul. Hospitals were established, nurses trained in the eastern hospitals were sent out, who by their kindness and efficiency, won their way into the hearts of the new Canadians. Churches were built, missionaries appointed, and only the early pioneers know of the hardships these men and women endured in their efforts to carry the Christian message to these lonely outposts.

It was soon evident, that the best way to reach the non-English speaking settlers, was through the children. The missionaries and nurses became interested in the little ones, and some took them into their homes, that they might teach them the language and customs of their new home land. In 1903, Dr. George Arthur was appointed by the Church to open up a mission in Wakaw, Saskatchewan. In the district surrounding this station, there were many Ruthenian families. Dr. Arthur, whose knowledge of these languages was too limited to enable him to conduct services, determined to open a school. After a few months, the people became so interested that the school had to be enlarged. Some of those who wished to attend lived so far away that it was very difficult for them to do so. Dr. Arthur decided to take some of them into his home, and four were admitted at the small fee of a dollar a week. Some could not even pay this small amount, for ready money was very scarce, so they were allowed to bring with them provisions enough to last from Monday till Friday. Dr. Arthur's home was called the ''Polyglot Manse,'' because no less than five languages were spoken. As the work grew, the house became so overcrowded that it was no longer possible to carry on without more room. The Women's Missionary Society was appealed to and voted a sum of money to help build a larger house. This was probably the first official recognition of educational work among the children of the non-English speaking settlers in the west. On Dr. Arthur's appointment as Superintendent of the ''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital, at Vegreville, Alberta, he continued his educational work and through his efforts the first school home was built, at Vegreville, in 1910.

The Biggest and the Smallest boy at Vegreville School Home

The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church is at the present time supporting four school homes in the western provinces, one in Northern Ontario, and one in Quebec. The need of the people in the district shapes the aim of the school home, and as the district differs, so too does the school home and its work.

At Vegreville, a town seventy miles east of Edmonton, there are two homes, one for girls, and the other for boys. Miss Jean Johnston, appointed in July, 1928, is the superintendent of both Homes. At present there are twenty-six boys in the Boys' Home. In the Girls' Home, Miss McKee is in charge, having served faithfully since her appointment in 1914. There are twenty girls under her care. Many of these children come from homes of prosperous farmers. Others are from homes where the struggle to make good is proving a difficult one, but in every case, the children have the same careful oversight and interest. Each child is required to share in the duties of the home. A small fee is charged to cover part of the expenses, but no fee could repay the care and interest which those in charge give to every child. Good plain meals are provided. The studies are supervised, and Sunday School, Mission Band and Church attendance is required. The children attend the public schools, when this is possible. If these are overcrowded, a teacher is sometimes employed, and classes held in our own buildings. These new Canadians are eager to learn our ways, and the aim of the homes is to develop well-rounded character. As games are a part of the modern educational programme, a rink is provided for skating and hockey, and there is plenty of ground for all out-door sports. The following extract from a letter written by Miss Johnston describes the life of the home:

Rev. A. Robertson, Miss Macquarrie, and twenty-three of the boys at Vegreville.

''The girls are as busy as bees, and are making good little housekeepers under Miss McKee's splendid teaching. They have mending and darning classes, which some of the older girls supervise. Also they are very fond of singing, and often when I go over, I hear them singing school songs, folk songs and hymns. We have very fine Mission Band programmes, quartettes, trios, duets, recitations, memory work of scripture, and the boys and girls are very anxious to be on the programme. We have organized a choir of five senior boys and five senior girls, for the evening service, and the junior choir will sing at the morning service in the school house. The boys have made a rink in the yard, and are anxiously waiting for weather cold enough to freeze it. By having a rink on the premises, we keep the boys at home. They have been skating on the river, a mile distant, but two broke through the ice, and got a ducking, so I am worried if the small boys go to the river. We have two very cute little boys here. Wee Barry, age seven, was sent to a neighbor's home one day, to tell her that someone wanted her on the phone, and he gave the message thus: 'Miss Johnston sent me to tell you that you were wanted on the telephone pole.' Barry is French. Then we have a small boy, Kost Wowschiuk, who is not very sure of his English, but a bright, clever lad who talks all the time. At present, he is in the hospital, having his tonsils out. We went to see him and he told us that he knew all about his operation. He said the nurse had told him that he had a high temper, and he was quite cross at Mr. Doctor because he wouldn't give him his tonsils in a bottle.''

Miss McKee and her twenty girls.

At Vegreville, there are many children who are proving themselves worthy of the help they are receiving, and who in later years will probably take their places as Christian citizens, wherever their lot may be cast.

At Prince Albert, in Saskatchewan, the ''Lucy M. Baker'' School Home is under the superintendency of Miss Elizabeth MacDonald, who took charge during the summer of 1928. There are twelve girls at present in the home. Part of a letter from the superintendent follows:

''The home is now in splendid condition, and I am very pleased and proud of it. The W.M.S. held a tea here during the week. Many kind things were said of the furnishings and appearance of the home in general. Six of the girls are attending collegiate, two of them are in their final year, four attend the public school, and one, business college. They are a happy, healthful lot. The girls are all from country homes, and seem to realize the sacrifice being made to give them an education. Usually a half hour after the evening meal is spent in amusement, then studies till bedtime.''

During the Council meeting in Saskatoon, in 1926, the site for a school home was chosen on the beautiful Spadina Crescent, which follows a bend of the river. A large building has been erected, which at present accommodates thirty-two girls, who are attending the public and high schools in Saskatoon. Miss Violet Scott is the efficient superintendent, and has as her assistant, Miss Anna Brell, a graduate of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess' Training Home, Toronto. One of the special interests of this home is the Blue Banner Class. The programme for some of their meetings is taken from one of Miss Scott's letters:

Girls of Saskatoon School Home ready to start for a picnic.
The banner shown was given to their Blue Banner Class.

''We have Miss Pelton with us, and she spoke to the girls last Sunday on the 'Religions of India.' It fitted in so splendidly with our missionary meeting. We are using Miss Gray's book, 'Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands,' with great success. It is a most usable book, and the material and suggestions fire the imagination, and can be made adaptable to any group. Our girls are making a very unique Treasure Book, not several, as Miss Gray suggested, but one for the whole class, and we are hoping that we will not be disqualified, for they are quite enthusiastic about it getting to the Council, next year. It is truly wonderful to note the effect this study class has on the life of the home. It somehow, after a few weeks, brings us together as a unit, and not a number of girls. I just cannot express it. One has to be here to see the results.''

Outdoor exercise is encouraged in this home, and the girls have many happy hours on the tennis court and rink. These fortunate girls will look back to the happy days spent amid the Christian influences of this beautiful home, and will surely prove themselves valuable additions to any district where they may be situated in future years.

It was found advisable, for the present, to close the School Home at Canora, Sask.

Coming east, we find the next centre of interest at New Liskeard. In 1925, a house was bought, and fitted up, and provides a splendid home for ten children. It is now under the supervision of Miss Janet Manson, who was appointed Superintendent in 1926. Two of the girls have been in the home since it was opened, and Miss Manson writes that she will miss Ellenor and Katherine sorely, when they go out at the end of this year. Miss Manson reports that the children are all well, and getting along satisfactorily at school, and that the parents seem very appreciative of the advantages the children have in the home. Miss Manson is working very faithfully to make the home successful, and needs all the encouragement we can give her in her work.

Pupils at New Liskeard School Home

At Huntingdon, Quebec, about fifty miles from Montreal, is the newest of our school homes. A very suitable building, a large frame house situated on the main street of the town, standing in grounds which run down to the Chateauguay River, provides accommodation for about thirty children. It was opened on the 10th of September, 1928, under the care of Mrs. A. C. Gouldthorpe, there being twelve pupils in residence. Mrs. Gouldthorpe gives the following interesting description of life at Huntingdon:

"The study hour is from seven to eight, after which I hear them their spelling and other lessons. The piano has been a source of great joy and pleasure to all. The little girls are very fond of singing. Some kind ladies donated games, ping-pong, checkers, etc., which help to amuse them during the rainy evenings. Sunday morning, we all attend Church and Sabbath School. One little girl said 'I am sure we shall all get prizes for regular attendance.' I am offering a prize to all who can recite the Shorter Catechism correctly, by Easter. In the Church, they have organized a Boys' Club, which five of our boys have joined, one having been elected president. The girls are all members of the Mission Band. My six boys are jewels. The only trouble is that they occasionally want out in the evening, and I let them go if anything of interest is going on, and their lessons are finished. The little girls are so young that they take all my time from 4 o'clock to 8.30, which is their bedtime. After school, they play out of doors, if the weather is fine. I have to be there to umpire their games, or they get into a squabble, a real fight sometimes ensues. Supper is at 6 o'clock, after which we have worship, then wash the dishes. Seven to eight is study hour. I allow the older boys to go out for a walk and then get the mail. Those under twelve, have to be in bed and lights out at 8.30. All the lights are out at ten, except on Friday night. We have a student in residence. He is allowed his light as long as he wishes to study, as he has sermons to prepare. He preaches at Beach Ridge Mission Station every second Sunday. I am praying and trusting that the home may be a real success in every way."

Anyone reading these extracts from the letters of the superintendents of our school homes cannot but feel that we are very fortunate in the women who are in charge of the training of these young people. In every home, the Christian influence is evident, which means so much in the upbuilding of character, and those who are contributing to the support of these homes may be assured that the money invested in the educational departments of our National Mission work, will bear rich fruit, and we trust that many of these young lives will be offered for the Master's service.

"Being perplexed, I say,
'Lord make it right!
Night is as day to Thee
Darkness as light.
I am afraid to touch
Things that involve so much
My feeble hands may shake:
Thine can make no mistake—
Lord, make it right!'"

—*A. G. L.*

Boys will Be Boys

MRS. G. W. MACKAY

EIGHT-THIRTY o'clock on a Sunday morning, and Church begins at nine, and a big ''Empress'' mail is in, our share of which, tied up with twine, is laid on the table before me. Very tempting are the letters with Canadian stamps, yet more tempting still is the letter on the very top, for that comes from Kobe, from one of the five little folks who went away to school two weeks ago. Yes, a peep into that top letter must be taken before church, just to see if the sense of panic, consequent on the first day of school with strange teachers, has subsided. The peep is decidedly reassuring, but, alas, light-heartedly approaching the church I find to my dismay that the service has already begun. This can be seen at a glance, for the Middle School boys, in their khaki uniforms, are standing, either for the opening hymn, or for prayer. It must surely be for singing, perhaps the hymn is just finished, for the lad beside the back window looks out, and smiles. Here's another smiling face, by the gate, whose expression seems to say ''It's good to meet again, after such a long time.'' Yes, my young man, it has been a long time since you were last in Sunday School. This is our angel-faced youth, of the gentle, respectful manner, whom one never, never would suspect of being the cause of the tears in the seat in front. And in front of the gate is another figure, a young man with a perplexed face. He is certainly not looking for me, but I have been very anxious to meet him, so I charge down upon him. He is an ex-Middle School boy, and his home is in a little village beyond Tamsui, where from time to time Sunday School work has been carried on. He looks relieved as I come within his line of vision. His trouble is that, at the suggestion of a student, named Six O'clock, he has gathered together twenty-three children for Sunday School, and no teacher has put in an appearance. Three small youths behind him, represent the twenty waiting in the village. This is serious. Evidently there has been a break in the line of communications somewhere, but however the break occurred, the present business is to get the missing teacher supplied forthwith. A peep into the church is reassuring. What a mercy that the back seat in church is attractive to energetic youths! Moses is there, back from teaching his own Sunday School. He sprints up to our house for supplies. Two other youths are abstracted, both of whom had studied the lesson to be taught, and presently away they go.

The Church service is from nine to ten, and Sunday School follows immediately after. Indeed, some of us women are not always entirely satisfied at the speed with which Sunday School comes on. There is always such an interesting turn-out of mothers and babies and friends new and old, that one hasn't nearly time for all the greetings. On the other hand, what the Sunday School Superintendent may think as to the amount of time consumed in said greetings, has never been expressed in my hearing.

Sunday School gets under way, with a theological student instead of the regular leader. The attendance is the best there has been since before the summer holidays. There's that big boy back again, whose little brother had reported him as saying he was too big to come any more. He has a little sister on his back, too. Best of all, the class of big boys who can read the Bible has grown, a new pupil last Sunday and another to-day. My class to-day consists of one, Mr. Six O'clock. Usually I have about eight Middle School boys, who go out to teach their outside Sunday Schools before Church, and then in the Sunday School hour we study together the lesson for the next week.

The teaching period is over, and all gather again for the review of the lesson and golden text. Query, will the acting superintendent confine his remarks to the eight minutes which yet remain of our hour, or will he go on, and on, and on? The children in the front pews listen with eyes and ears. He has the attention of those near him, and he heeds not at all the urchins at the back, who aren't listening at all. Six O'clock falls heir to a pewful of little wrigglers. One of them has a diminutive fish, just as it came from the market, tied round the middle with a long piece of grass, for a string. The owner bears up bravely when I capture the fish, for has he not still ten fingers and ten toes with which to disturb his neighbors? During the superintendent's remarks, which last twenty-five minutes, the three students come back from their Sunday School in the village. They look very hot, but likewise very happy. They report later that they had thirty pupils, and have, moreover, a roof under which to meet.

Dinner on Sunday is early. By twelve o'clock or so it is over.

''The battle is on,'' I remark.

''What battle?'' asks the man of the house in surprise.

''Have you forgotten the regiments and battalions that are liable to charge down upon us?''

''But they're not coming here, are they?''

''That remains to be seen.''

The alarm proves to be false. All the hordes which descend upon us are four little boys, who come rolling and tumbling over the wall and scampering across the grass.

''Boys,'' I begin, ''you're far too early . . . .'' but am interrupted with a chorus from three, ''He's a new boy, he's a new boy,'' pointing to one of their number. So I bring them in, record his name, a twelve-year-old lad, sixth year in the Public school, has never been to Sunday School anywhere before. Will he come regularly hereafter, or, having come once to look see, will that be the end? Time will tell. I send them off again, to hunt up another boy who has not put in an appearance since the holidays, and charge them to remember, when they come back to Sunday School, *not* to come to our house, but to go straight to the Middle School gymnasium. Alas, for instructions! Long before Sunday School is due, they come tumbling over the wall again, with another new boy in tow. But this new boy is not so tractable as his predecessor, and keeps a stone's throw away. He turns out to be the big brother of the first new boy. In vain I tell him that a number of Middle School boys, bigger than he, study in the afternoon Sunday School. He says he doesn't want to study. The lads report that the boy they had gone to hunt up can't come, because his father died during the summer. The father had been a real burden on them, being idle and an opium smoker.

The afternoon Sunday School in the Middle School gymnasium is an experiment, of the nature of which I would like to write more fully later. It would be an exhilarating task to write about our aims. methods and hopes therefor. It is not so pleasant to confess that our organization is as yet loose and imperfect, and sometimes it seems as though we weren't getting any nearer our goal, but we are.

Coming back from Sunday School at four o'clock, three boys are sprawling on the grass by the road. One is Earth and Water, the boy whose father had died. One is the second new boy, who didn't want to study. The third I can't place. Says Earth and Water, ''I couldn't come because my father died.''

''And your mother beat you,'' supplements one of the others.

''Oh, not to-day,'' (this quite indifferently). ''But I'll come later.''

The others make no promises.

How They Kept Christmas

''HUGH WADDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,'' CANORA, SASK.

''Last year we thought we had had a wonderful Christmas, but this year seemed even more wonderful. We had twenty patients and, for the day, I invited the mother of one boy who was seriously ill. So we had twenty-one trays. The Whitesand Masonic Lodge gave us their usual generous donation for the patients' cheer. Having five children, we had to provide a Christmas tree and Santa. We had a long red coat trimmed with white cotton and red cap for Joe, and he arrived at 7 a.m. with a sack of toys on his back. We had all the toplights out, and the light in the hall and on the chart desk, we covered with red paper. Really, the halls were pretty. The youngsters were so excited, and Joe was so good as Santa. Bessie hadn't been able to sleep half the night and she really was excited beyond controlling. After giving the children their presents he went through the wards and gave the rest of the patients their gifts. Every ward was occupied, and had a small Christmas tree on the dresser in each ward. Both patients and staff had their Christmas dinner at noon, and at 4 o'clock some of the townspeople came out and put on a concert. There were several guests in town, who were professional musicians, and they kindly came up too. It was a tired but happy household here by evening.''

''ROLLAND M. BOSWELL HOSPITAL,'' VEGREVILLE, ALTA.

''We decorated our hospital for Christmas, and had a tiny tree in the ward. The nurses were invited to dinner at different times. We all had to cancel our engagements. One of our little patients with pneumonia became much worse. It was impossible to get a special. Miss Brown specialed him during the night and Miss Stevenson during the day. I have a nurse helping me that we secured the following day. The little chap is still living but we have very little hope for him. It made our Christmas here very sad. Most of our patients knew the family and all felt so sorry for the parents.

We got quite a number of Christmas donations from our friends here, turkeys, chickens, fruit, vegetables, etc. I was delighted to get a number of Christmas bales from different Presbyterials. There are several families that we send things to at Christmas. In one family there are four little boys and one wee girlie. Two of the children were very sick with pneumonia last year. I sent them a box, with a gift for each child, candies and fruit. I was able to swell my box quite a bit with gifts from the bale. Then I sent a box to the other family of warm clothing, Christmas toys and candy. This family was burned out a couple of months ago. They are both very deserving. My maid was over for Christmas and delivered one box for me. The mother insisted on sending me back a nice fat duck. It is so satisfactory to help people that are grateful and appreciate what is given them. We got a number of nice dolls and a good many of them have been given to those of our little patients whom I knew did not have any. Miss McRae had a splendid Christmas concert. She had a Christmas tree and a gift for each of the children. The little ones did very well at the concert. I went over to the boys' home to see their tree and presents. The big and little ones alike had lots of fun. Miss McKee's girls had their tree in the afternoon.

I must not forget to tell you about a very special little patient we had Christmas week, a new-born baby. His mother was the first baby born in this hospital. The baby was born in the same room as his mother was born in twenty-two years ago. This family have been supporters of our hospital all these years. I gave the baby a little woollen outfit from the W.M.S. bale. He was a dear little fellow. We called him the R.M.B. baby all the time.''

CHINESE MISSION VICTORIA

On December 19th, the annual concert and Christmas tree for the Sunday School was held. Rev. D. A. Smith was present. There was a full house and the programme of carols, recitations, drills and plays was well received. Several members of the Presbyterial were present, and the President, Mrs. Cotsford, brought greetings from the W.M.S. and stressed the encouraging features in the work of the Mission. Mr. T. Humphries also presented greetings and good wishes to all connected with the Chinese Mission. The closing item was a play entitled ''Children of Other Days,'' a Scripture sketch, each character portraying a chosen virtue. This play was presented by pupils of the three senior classes. After singing the National Anthem, the children were treated to a bag of candy and nuts, the tree was stripped of its many gifts and the young men passed around refreshments as is their custom.

Chinese Pupils Feted

A Santa Claus who can speak both English and Chinese was the guest of honor at the Christmas tree entertainment and closing exercises of the Montreal Chinese Primary School, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. building, Dorchester Street, West, on December 19th, the Rev. J. G. Potter acting as chairman. A programme given by little Chinese pupils consisted of recitations and Christmas hymns, both in Chinese and in English. An address on ''The Meaning of Christmas'' was given in Chinese by the Rev. K. Y. Tang, minister of the Chinese United Church. There was a large attendance of Chinese women and children and many friends of the school. Gifts from the tree were distributed to the pupils, their mothers and their smaller brothers. The gifts and refreshments were supplied by different branches of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, under whose auspices this day school is carried on. The teacher is Miss Ethel Reid, returned missionary from South China, with Miss Hattie Jue as assistant.

The gifts included scrapbooks, beautifully dressed dolls, toys, knitted jackets for the babies and smaller children, beads, stockings, mitts, scarfs, sweaters. The mothers received quilts. These were provided through the kindness of the supply departments of the Provincial and Presbyterials, and were greatly appreciated by the women who realize that each quilt means a great deal of loving labor. The assistance by the different ladies in parcelling and distributing the gifts and motoring the mothers and little children to and from the entertainment added greatly to its success.

''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Boarding School

We had a very successful gathering and programme for Christmas. With a family of seventy children, preparations had to be made well in advance. The children all fared very well. Probably about one hundred Indians came for dinner. We always remember the children on the reserve and the old people.

Home Helpers Try an Original Plan

IN 1924, the Home Helpers Department of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fergus, under the efficient leadership of the Home Helpers Secretary, Miss Lindsay, was organized into three districts. A meeting was held at one of the homes in each district. Mrs. Nichol, the President of the W.M.S., assisted, and a number of the members of the Auxiliary were also present. A President and Secretary were elected in each district.

In 1924, there were 75 members in the three districts, in September, 1928, there were 125 members, comprising three Auxiliaries and two Mission Bands.

At the annual meetings in the fall, the Home Helpers Secretary, the President of the Auxiliary and any other members who can go, attend this meeting. There is usually a large number of the women and girls of the neighborhood present.

In August, a rally day service is held in the church with an outside speaker to give an address, the rest of the programme being provided by the members of the three Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. At the meeting last August, Miss Miss McLellan, President of the Guelph Presbyterial, was present and gave an inspiring address. After the meeting the home Auxiliary entertained the members of the Home Helpers Department and a pleasant social hour was spent.

The financial help received from this department has been most encouraging. In 1927, they raised $107 and sent a good contribution towards the bale for the northwest, and for the 1928 bale, sent away in September, their donation was valued at $60. There were ten quilts, one an autograph quilt, a good percentage of the work for this being done by the Mission Band of that district.

The most encouraging feature of the work is the way the members have taken hold, and the initiative they are showing in the carrying out of their work.

An Interesting and Unusual Event

THE Home Circle Auxiliary W.M.S. of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, celebrated their jubilee, on December 4th, 1928, in the chapel of the Church. There was a large audience, quite a number of the charter members being present.

The Home Circle, organized at first as a Mission Band, is the oldest Missionary Society in Hamilton, and among one of the very first in Ontario. There was one central Auxiliary for the Presbyterian women of Hamilton, but no Auxiliaries in the different churches until two or three years after the Home Circle was organized. Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, D.D., then minister of St. Paul's Church, organized the Society, and Mrs. Laidlaw was the first President. A group of saintly women, who were then leaders in the Church, Mrs. Laidlaw, Mrs. Logie, Mrs. John G. Malloch, Mrs. Bellhouse, Miss E. M. Young and others, interested themselves in the new Society, visited the meetings, invited the members to their homes, gave them instruction in mission work, prayed for them, and taught them to pray. And for fifty years the Home Circle has never cancelled a monthly meeting.

Mrs. McQuesten, of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, gave a very interesting talk on the formation of Auxiliaries in the different Churches and recalled the difficulties under which they labored in those days.

The event of the evening was the presentation of an Honorary Membership in the W.M.S., by the Home Circle, to Mrs. James Watson, one of the earliest Presidents of the Home Circle, whose lovely Christian character, activity in all good work, and winning personality has endeared her to all. Mrs. Watson in thanking the members urged them to be faithful in prayer, in the study of the Bible and not to grow weary but to go forward.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., spoke in appreciation of the work done by the W.M.S. A friendly half hour was spent, refreshments were served, and a jubilee cake with fifty candles was greatly admired.

The closing words were "forget the things that are behind—press forward."—J. I. C.

The Canadian School of Missions Moves Forward

IN the light of the recent meeting in Jerusalem of the International Missionary Council the specialized preparation of furloughed and prospective missionaries has taken on a new importance. Our own training institution, the Canadian School of Missions, formed for this purpose by the joint action of the Foreign Mission Boards of the Canadian Churches is entering on a new phase of its work.

The School has passed the experimental stage. The seven years of its existence have not only witnessed steady growth, but also have provided fruitful experience. The School has developed a technique which is in line with approved standards of missionary training, but which is at the same time in many respects distinctive. A recent report of the School points out that while it studies and utilizes the work of other institutions in Toronto and elsewhere it also has a broad curriculum of its own. Last year it offered thirty-two lecture courses in which one hundred and fifty-six missionaries and candidates were enrolled, and it also arranged personal instruction in a wide range of subjects. In providing these two types of instruction a total of more than one hundred instructors gave their services without remuneration. The report also emphasizes the fact that the School has served as a missionary headquarters with varied services, being a common centre for the devotional and social life of missionaries and candidates.

A new home for the School has become a vital necessity. It is proposed to purchase a building adjacent to the University of Toronto and make what alterations and additions are necessary. The new premises will provide a moderately adequate plant, including class rooms, offices, a lounge, library and reading room, chapel and rest room; also kitchen, cloak rooms, wash rooms, etc. The project, of which the total cost, including equipment, will be about $80,000, has been endorsed by the seven co-operating Mission Boards through their representatives on the Council and by the Board of Trustees. Rev. Canon S. Gould is Chairman of the Council, Principal A. Gandier is Chairman of the Executive Committee and Mr. G. H. Wood is Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Other officers are Mr. E. A. Bog, Treasurer; Mr. E. W. McNeill, Auditor; Mr. Dyce Saunders, K.C., Solicitor; Rev. H. C. Priest, Secretary; and Dr. J. Lovell Murray, Director.

A General Campaign Committee of sixty-eight men and women representatives of the co-operating Communions has been formed. Of this larger group an inner, or Executive Committee, has been formed. The members of this Executive, who have assumed the main burden of securing funds, are Mr. George Herbert Wood, (Chairman); Mr. John A. Northway, (Hon-Treasurer); Mr. Fred J. Coombs; Principal A. Gandier; Mr. David H. Gibson; Canon S. Gould; Mr. J. W. Hopkins; Mr. J. F. MacKay; Mr. C. S. McDonald; Mr. James A. Milne; Dr. J. Lovell Murray; Mr. Fred L. Ratcliff; Mr. Ellis Wilkinson.

The missionaries themselves are most enthusiastic about the project and insist on having a financial share in it. Their subscriptions, coming in from various fields, reveal a generosity which has touched the Committee deeply.

No general appeal is being made to the Churches of Canada for the funds necessary to provide the new premises. But it is the hope of the Committee that help will come from not a few church members who recognize the strategy of supplying the best possible training for our workers abroad and who realize the obligation to provide for them in their furlough periods a comfortable, friendly headquarters where they can meet together for conversation and conference, for study and prayer. This represents the real genius and function of the Canadian School of Missions.

Those desiring further information are invited to write to Dr. J. Lovell Murray, 207 College Street. Cheques should be made payable to Mr. John A. Northway, Hon.-Treasurer.

Prayer

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we would come to Thee as children to an earthly parent, and ask Thy guidance and blessing on all that we undertake in Thy name. We thank Thee for Thy great goodness to us in the past. Continue, we beseech Thee, Thy gracious care of us. We would lift our hearts in gratitude to Thee for our Church, our homes, our friends, for little children with their laughter and cheer, and the sunshine they bring into the home. Help us to be patient with one another, kind in speech and careful in our criticism. Give us strength for our daily duties, patience in trial, comfort in sorrow, and confidence in all Thy leading. Bless all those who have gone into far distant places to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Thy love. We would remember especially at this time the missionaries in the home land who through the teaching and nursing ministry in our school homes and hospitals are seeking to make known the gospel of Christ. Prosper every effort that is put forth by those who welcome the newcomers and in any way help them to establish Christian homes in this new land. Bless our members in all they seek to do to further the establishment of Thy kingdom. Accept the gifts they have laid upon Thine altar. Pardon us wherein we have fallen short of what Thou expected of us. Be not over angry with us, and guide us by Thy gentle hand so that when the discipline of life is over we may be worthy to receive Thy well done. This we ask in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for February

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 59). *Scripture Reading*—Isaiah, 40:1-31. *Minutes. Business. Roll Call*—Ask each member, in answer to her name, to tell one interesting fact about Formosa. (See articles and letters in the *Glad Tidings*) *Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Chapter X—Footpaths in Formosa. *Hymn*—"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee." *Closing Prayer.*

Suggestion.—In the study of this chapter, one of two plans might be followed. The first would be to ask three members to prepare papers or to give a talk on (1) Formosa—the country, its natural resources and early history; (2) The first missionary sent to Formosa by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Tell the story of his call, his work and the hardships he endured. Name the W.M.S. missionaries and show the photographs of those recently appointed (See *Glad Tidings*). (3) Describe the educational, medical and evangelistic work in which the W.M.S. is engaged, drawing special attention to the service being rendered the lepers.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

AFFILIATION—WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

EDITH A. SINCLAIR

CHRISTIAN education is incomplete without missionary education. Jesus taught: "Thou shalt love the Lord. . . .and thy neighbor as thyself." We who would lead girls to Him must teach them to think, feel and act towards those of different race, social status, color, or creed, as God's children, and to will for "those others" the knowledge of Christ which is their's.

The aim of the W.M.S. is: "to unite all the women and children of the Church in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ at home and abroad." Are you, as a group, in sympathy with this purpose? If so, will you plan to have one missionary meeting a month for study, or a missionary project extending over a few weeks at three or four periods during the year? To aid you, we suggest a field each year, and prepare materials. *Information* is the first essential in affiliation. As the girls learn of the work and its needs, they will want *to do* something to help, and from your Presbyterial Supply Secretary, you may obtain a list of needed supplies. Further they will want *to give* gifts of money, and these must be sent in to the Presbyterial Treasurer. By filling in the affiliation form you advise us of the step you have undertaken, and we acknowledge you as an affiliated group of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada—(not of the local Society).

Wonderful Treasures in Jhansi

My dear Treasure Hunters:

''By now I am sure you have discovered many wonderful treasures. Everywhere you look they are to be found. Indeed there are so many here in our Jhansi mission field I am sure you could never discover them all, not even with the help of the boys.

Tina, one of our orphan girls, who is at present training for a nurse, will, we hope, be a great power for good here in our mission. She has a zeal for the Master that will draw others to Him.

Then among our girls in the school, each and all, from the littlest to the biggest, are daily learning more and more of service for the Master. Some of them, it is true, are more precious than others. We have diamonds, and pearls and rubies and treasures of lesser value. You will understand, too, that just as the precious metals and stones are buried far beneath the ground, so the rich treasure of these young lives is as yet not fully developed. Little Johnny, our baby of fourteen months, in the orphanage, is a treasure of promise for the future, as are many others. Our wee girlies Soni, Ruth, Tara and Suniya and I must not forget Poona, our other tiny boy, are all diamonds. It only remains for us to train these young lives so that they will be diamonds that sparkle forth giving light and joy to all with whom they come in contact.

Now I have shown you just a few of the wonderful treasures we have here in our Jhansi mines. We need your help in developing these mines. And as you help us to discover treasure for the King so will your own treasure increase.''

Your fellow treasure hunter,
—*F. Irene Stringer.*

Good Speech

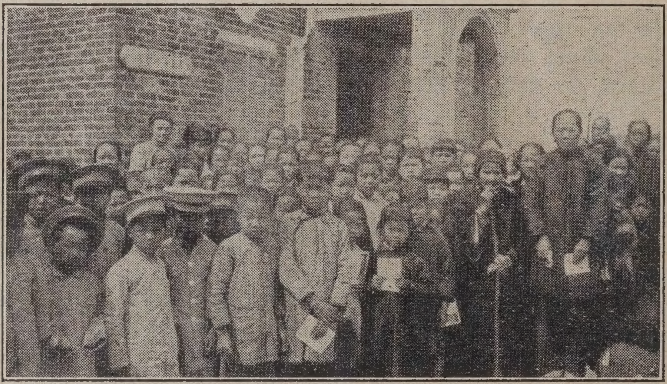
Think not, because thine inmost heart means well,
Thou hast the freedom of rude speech: sweet words
Are like the voices of returning birds
Filling the soul with summer, or a bell
That calls the weary and the sick to prayer.
Even as thy thought, so let thy speech be fair.

MISSION BANDS

Come With Me to the Chinese Kindergarten

My dear Boys and Girls in the Mission Bands:

It is a year since I last wrote you about our school for Chinese children. I think you will remember that it is in Montreal, and if you come any day to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. building here you will see us. A young Chinese lady, Miss Hattie Jue, assists me in the teaching. I wonder if I ever told you that when I lived in China I knew Miss Jue's grandmother, a dear old Chinese Christian lady? I must show you a picture that I greatly prize, taken at the church in her village fifteen years ago, and in the picture you will see old Mrs. Jue, leaning on her staff, and perhaps you will recognize me, away at the back, behind all the boys and girls who were at the meeting that day. I think if she were living now, old Mrs. Jue would be glad that her granddaughter and I are teaching these Chinese children in Montreal, and telling them about our Lord Jesus, don't you?



A Christian Church in South China
Showing Miss Reid, the Chinese Congregation and old Mrs. Jue.

I want you to come with me to the school this morning. I think you will find the morning session more interesting than the afternoon one because it is in the morning that we have our Chinese lessons.

We will have our opening exercises first. After the English "good morning" song, we will sing their favorite Chinese hymn. It is "If I

Come to Jesus,'' set to a pretty Chinese tune. Then we pray, in Chinese and very simply, so that the tiniest pupils can understand, because we want them all to learn that God is our loving Father who cares for us, and that we should thank Him. We want them, too, to realize that we must tell Him about the wrong things we do, and ask His forgiveness and help. I am sure you will think these little ones very quiet and reverent as we pray, for they listen very attentively, especially if we pray for some one they know who is ill or in trouble. Last year when little Lawrence was very ill with pneumonia, we prayed every morning for him and everyone wanted to thank God when he got well again. Then all join in the Lord's Prayer, in Chinese, though many know it in English as well.

Now would you like to hear them say some scripture verses? Some can say nearly fifty in Chinese, and quite a number in English. Daisy and Rosie can say ''The Lord is My Shepherd'' without a mistake, and even little Edna knows all the ten commandments in Chinese.

Those of you who came with me last time to call for the children, will recognize several familiar faces. Here are Lily and her two sisters, Daisy and her brother Thomas, Sarah and her mischievous brother, David, sitting up so straight, and waiting so patiently until we give him some blocks to play with, or some beads to string. He is tiny Lawrence's tinier brother. We call him Jimmie sometimes, but oftener his Chinese name, Jessie, Reta, William and Lem (still somewhat afraid of dogs), Edna and wee Lawrence. Two whose names you learned that day are no longer in Montreal, but there are a number of new ones. You will notice Rosie first because she knows her verses so perfectly and speaks such good English, but with the nicest little lisp. She says ''thing'' for ''sing'' and ''gueth'' for ''guess''. There is another little Rosie, Jessie's sister, but she doesn't come these cold days.

I knew you would want to know about that tiny wee crumb of a boy, Little Wing. He is barely three years old but is so good always, and wouldn't miss school for anything. He never cries unless something very upsetting occurs, as for instance, falling asleep unnoticed, and toppling over before rescued. He doesn't yet ''read book'' as we say in Chinese, but he learns to do lots of things with his hands, and to put his playthings neatly in the cupboard when he is finished. You may not think he is happy, because he looks so like a little wooden image, sitting there with never a smile or a word, but I am sure he is or he would not come so regularly nor stay so contentedly all day. Yes, he is the smallest boy we have, except when Jessie brings her wee brother, Soy, to visit. We hope he will come regularly in the spring. Several who come now as visitors, will then be coming every day—William's brother George, and Lem's brother Geet. Altogether we have twenty-four names on our roll.

That little lad sitting with Sara is her small brother, Foon Yow, who hasn't got an English name yet. We are going to give him a real nice name for he is such a nice, happy little boy. He has the same roguish smile as David and Sara. You know David is just full of mischief but when he has done something naughty, he looks so lovable, with his dimpled face ready to break into smiles, it is hard to scold him.

Now that prayers are over, I'm afraid you will think it is a very noisy school room, for Chinese lessons are beginning. Just listen to them! Learning by heart, and reciting the lessons over and over, not very softly either. There are several classes and all reciting different lessons so they make considerable noise, I assure you.

Listen to Daisy, Thomas and Lily, our most advanced pupils, first—the Chinese minister teaches them and they are now in the third Chinese reader. There are very interesting stories in it, and they can tell them to you in English as well. They write very nicely too.

Some of the others are reading the second reader, but many are still in the first. The pictures help them to remember the words, and indeed some of the Chinese words are almost like pictures themselves.

I am sure you will want to hear these three tiny pupils read. They are Georgie, Lawrence, and Helen—not the Helen you met last year for she has gone back to China, but a dear new girl only four years old. Georgie is only four too, but so manly and happy that everyone loves him. They are all so small that they can't study for very long at a time, so we will let them go to the cupboard and get some blocks or toys. Lawrence, you see, has chosen one of the scrapbooks sent by a Mission Band last spring.

William and Lem, David and Edna, you see, are sitting together reading the same lessons. They will study hard as long as we are looking at them, and their voices will try to drown out every one else's, but they are full of fun, and there is sure to be some giggling ere long. A look from the teacher though, will send them off reciting once more at the top of their voices, till something funny happens again.

Now it is time to put away readers, and do some writing. The smaller ones use pencils and just draw the funny looking Chinese words, but the others have their Chinese pens. They look more like fine paint brushes, don't they? and the ink looks like black paste. Their writing books are made of thin paper, and as you watch them writing in them, you will think it is more like painting.

Chinese lessons are over now. If you can stay longer, we will have some handwork and some singing. Perhaps a nice Bible story or the words of a new song. After dinner we will have our English reading and writing, a little arithmetic, and some games.

All the pupils you met last year understand a lot more English now.

Mrs. Robertson, of the Maisonneuve Auxiliary, comes two afternoons a week to take my place while I visit Chinese homes. You see they have to talk English with her and that helps greatly. Lily, who is very practical and of an enquiring mind, asked me ''How much you pay Mrs. Robertson?'' I told her that Mrs. Robertson gave her time freely and came to help because she loved Jesus and wanted to do it for His sake. Lily quite understands now. She knows, too, that Christian children must be truthful. One day one of the little girls had said something not strictly true so Lily reproved her. I asked what she had said to her. She replied, ''I say to her, you tell a lie? And you a Jesus' people?'' (very reproachfully). She believes firmly in prayer too. Not long ago I was sick for a few days and she said to Mrs. Robertson, ''I pray *hard, hard* get fine day tomorrow and Miss Reid get all better.'' That night she 'phoned me and said quaintly, ''I hope God bless you, Miss Reid.'' Don't you think she is a kind little girl?

Last summer at closing time, we had a nice doll to give to each little girl. Most of these were sent to us by Mission Bands, and oh! there were some happy little girls. Boys don't like dolls, of course, so we bought boats for them. Last year we had lovely boxes of dolls, scrapbooks, etc., from several Mission Bands. One in Paris, Ontario, and one in Peterborough, and a primary class at St. John's Church, Toronto, were particularly good to us.

Your loving friend,
Ethel C. Reid.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. J. H. Acheson, 11728-94th St., Edmonton, Press Secretary

KNOX CHURCH W. M. Aux., Red Deer, at its December meeting received very encouraging reports. Its allocation went well ''over the top.''

A bale of clothing received by Rocky Mountain House field from the W.M.S., Toronto, has been distributed among the needy families. Some acceptable gifts were received at the private hospital where women from a distance of 20 or 30 miles often arrive insufficiently provided for. This is a large district. Early in December a woman was brought in 20 miles for burial.

At the annual Thank-offering meeting of St. John's W.M.Aux., Medicine Hat, Miss Goudie, high school teacher, gave a most interesting account of her recent trip to the Holy Land, illustrating it with lantern slide views. A Thank-offering of $100 was received. St. John's has had a very encouraging year under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Carbert. The allocation of $250 was met.

The M.B. service at Vegreville School Homes, December 16, was a Christmas service, with a Christmas programme of carols, Christmas stories and readings, etc., given by the children, both junior and senior. The attendance was 51, and the contributions, $3.86.

First Church W.M.Aux., Edmonton, had very encouraging annual reports, showing active interest in all branches. Helen McRae received her Life Membership certificate, having paid her full 5-years' donations through the M.B. Janet McLennan received her 2nd year seal, presented by Mrs. McQueen, Dorothy and Marjorie Fraser were presented with Junior Membership certificates for perfect attendance.

Mrs. Allott, Provincial President, brought helpful suggestions and a stimulating influence to the last meeting of Edmonton Presbyterial Executive.

Westmount, Edmonton, reports a satisfactory year in the W.M.S. and a banner year in the M.B.

St. Andrew's W.M. Aux., Edmonton, went $10 over the allocation.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. WM. CUTHBERT, 1820-5TH AVE. WEST, VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Mission Band of Central Church entertained the Provincial Board at the close of its session, on November 16th. They presented a clever little pageant which gave a concise view of the different departments of W.M.S. work. Mrs. Ledingham addressed the young people, after which tea was served.

Recently the W.M.S. of St. Paul's Church met at the home of Mrs. Kerr. The meeting was very informal, the leading feature being the presentation of Life Membership certificates to Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. John Allan and Mrs. George Turner; these were given by Mrs. Ledingham.

Central Church Auxiliary held a successful Thank-offering meeting on November 21st. Mrs. Ledingham presented a Life Membership certificate to Mrs. W. D. Campbell, at whose home the Society was re-organized in 1925. Mr. Donald McLeod, on behalf of the late Mrs. McLeod, presented Honorary Membership certificates to Mrs. E. D. McLaren and Mrs. W. J. White. Mrs. J. B. Campbell also received an Honorary Membership. The Mission Band presented the pageant aforementioned.

On November 23, a reception was held in Mount Pleasant Church, in honor of the Rev. John Buchanan, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly. Unfortunately, he was not able to attend by reason of illness. Over two hundred guests were present, who listened to an encouraging address by

Dr. Douglas, telling of the steady growth of the work in British Columbia.

A depository for missionary literature has been opened under the capable management of Mrs. Urquhart, assisted by Miss Roberts. All kinds of books, music, pageants, dialogues, etc., having a bearing on missionary work may be obtained here, and are very moderately priced. The address is Room 108, Dawson Building, 193 Hastings St. East, Vancouver. It will be open every Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. Visitors will have no difficulty in finding the room, as it is just opposite the Carnegie Library.

Announcement re New Exchange Department

In the absence of Mrs. David Smith, who is spending the winter in California, applications for the five minute papers, spoken of in the October number of *Glad Tidings* should be sent direct to Mrs. William Cuthbert, 1820 5th Ave., West, Vancouver, B.C.

MANITOBA

Brandon P.S.—''Jonathan Goforth'' M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Brandon, held their Thank-offering meeting in the Church which was filled with parents and friends. Sixty Band members contributed to the programme. Mrs. J. A. Troy, Humesville, the special speaker, took for her topic, ''Others, or a Life of Service.'' Eighteen Junior Memberships and seals were presented. The offering was $116.14. Mrs. J. J. Cowan, Superintendent of the Band, presided. A special item on the programme was the presentation of contributions amounting to $11.52 from the members and home helpers of the Associate Groups, at Forrest, also Evelyn Jean Wright was presented with a blue seal by Mrs. R. A. Hamlin, of Forrest.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Aux., Brandon, was held November 6th, the President, Mrs. Bullard, presiding. Mrs. Cowan outlined the work in China and Manchuria. Some of the M.B. members sang very acceptably. Mr. Chas. Smith, of Brandon College, gave an interesting address on Thanksgiving and the choir sang two anthems.

—*Mrs. A. Shewan.*

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of Ontario Provincial Society will be held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. The first session will be on the morning of April 23rd, continuing through the 24th and 25th. The Board of Management will meet on the evening of Monday, the 22nd.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—Successful Thank-offering meetings have been held, the special speakers being chiefly members of the Presbyterial Executive. Allocations have been met, in some cases far exceeded, by almost all the Auxiliaries.

Peterborough P.S.—The annual meeting of the Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held December 14th. The Honorary President, Mrs. Robert Hall, was presented with an Honorary Certificate. Attention was called to the faithfulness of the Treasurer, Mrs. G. S. McKee, who in twenty-three years, had only missed two meetings of the Auxiliary.

Superior P.S.—The regular meeting of Superior Presbyterial was held on December 4th, in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The attendance was large and the reports encouraging. At west Fort William a C.G.I.T. Group and a Mission Band have been organized and a C.G.I.T. Group at Port Arthur.

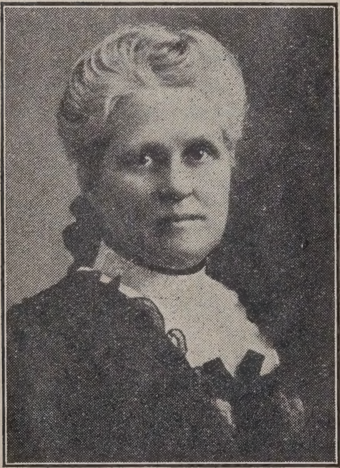
QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

The Late Mrs. George A. Grier

THE Quebec Provincial Society and the Montreal Presbyterial have suffered a heavy loss in the death of Mrs. George A. Grier, one of the most highly honored and deeply loved of the officers of the Women's Missionary Society.

For seventeen years, from 1895 to 1912, Mrs. Grier was President of the Woman's Missionary Society which had its headquarters at Montreal until the amalgamation of the three Societies in 1914. Through all her long period of office, she brought to the work of the Society the strength of her vivid faith and intense spiritual nature. She lifted work and workers to a high plane of Christian experience. She lived in the presence of her God and made others feel His nearness. It was in the devotional services that Mrs. Grier's greatest work was done. Her Bible lessons and prayers were almost a necessary part of public meetings, and in the closer fellowship of executive committees her influence was untold.


Mrs. George A. Grier, of Montreal

Her modesty led her to avoid publicity but her deep interest in the coming of the kingdom of God in the world was a still stronger motive and she gave of her best to the Society. When Mrs. I. C. Sharp succeeded to the Presidency of the Women's Missionary Society, in 1912, Mrs. Grier became Honorary President and continued to lead and guide by her spiritual insight the thought of the members of the Society as she had done while in active office. In June, 1925, she accepted the position of Honorary President of the Quebec Provincial Board under the new constitution, and remained in this relation to the Society till the end of her life.

Her gentle and gracious hospitality was ever ready when our missionaries came to Montreal, and many have happy memories of Christian fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Grier in their beautiful home.

Her gracious presence will be greatly missed by those who worked with her. Though laid aside by failing health the last few years, she kept up her attendance at the Provincial Executive meetings until increasing weakness prevented her from leaving her home.

While sorrowing for their own sake, the Women's Missionary Society extends to Mrs. Grier's family their deep sympathy in their greater bereavement. Her last days were made happy by the loving care of her children and now that her gentle life has ended, they may indeed rise up and call her blessed.

SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatoon-Prince Albert P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon, was held, November 9th. Rev. H. E. Horne, recently appointed Superintendent of Missions in Saskatchewan, addressed the meeting. Mrs. W. G. Brown reported on the work of the W.M.S. from 1925 until the present. This review was very interesting and brought out some very encouraging facts. Mrs. George Riddel took out a Life Membership in her own name as a memorial to her son.

Parkview.—The ''Measure'' Girls of Parkview held their last meeting for 1928 on December 10th. Very encouraging reports of the year's work were given by the different officers.

Regina P.S.—The Ladies of Nokomis Auxiliary hold a regular meeting and a silver tea each month. The proceeds of the tea are used for buying a Life Membership each year and for gifts for the sick and other expenses. This year, Mrs. T. F. Thompson was made a Life Member. For fifteen years Mrs. Thompson has acted as Treasurer of the Auxiliary. The ladies of this Auxiliary made a quilt which they sent to Miss Ross at Fort McMurray. Nokomis Auxiliary has recently suffered the loss of one of its faithful and interested members in the person of Mrs. Gould who died last November. They have no church at this point but have a W.M.S. of ten members.

The ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band, First Presbyterian Church, Regina, held its last meeting for 1928 on December 18th, when the officers for 1929 were appointed.

The sympathy of the members of First Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, Regina, goes out to Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, Press Secretary, in her recent sad bereavement. Mr. MacEachern died on the 28th of November after a long illness.

The annual meeting of Regina Presbyterial will be held in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, January 17th.

—*Mrs. G. D. Ralston.*

Life Members

Alberta Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Graham, Mrs. W. J. Walker, Mrs. S. Hannah, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. J. Tosh, Mrs. A. G. Findlay, Miss Wallace, Grace Ch. Aux., Calgary; Mrs. Margarette Durommun, Cayley Aux.; Miss Helen McRae, First Ch. Aux., Edmonton.

HONORARY MEMBER

Mrs. R. H. Christie, First Ch. Aux., Edmonton.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Irene Simpson, Audrey Stewart, ''Helping Hand'' M.B., First Ch., Edmonton; Florence Lantinga, Mina Ringland, Laura Hamilton, St. Andrew's M.B., Macleod; Gwendolyn Weir, Dorothy Harvey, ''The Helen Miller'' M.B., Grace Ch., Calgary; Dorothy C. Fraser, Marjorie H. Fraser, Janet Maclennan (2nd seal), ''Willing Workers'' M.B., First Ch., Edmonton; Jean Isabel Soper, ''Sunbeam'' M.B., Carstairs; Jessie Muir, Joan Kelley, Jean McClenaghan, ''I.X.L.'' M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Lethbridge.

Correction.—In December issue Mrs. J. B. Maclennan, Life Member of First Ch. Aux., Edmonton, should read Miss Janet Maclennan.

Manitoba Provincial.—

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Florence Urssell, Winnie Schiedel, Beth McLean, Martha Montgomery, Alma Urssell, Frank Harrold, George Tait, Olive Sproule (Silver Seal), Doris Findlay (Silver Seal), Nellie Douglas (Silver Seal), George Cowan (Silver Seal), Enid Blackwell (Blue Seal), Agnes McLean (Blue Seal), Marjorie Marshall (Blue Seal), Milo Manson (Blue Seal), Doris Savage (Blue Seal), Jean Savage (Blue Seal), Marion Cowan (Blue Seal), Evelyn Jean Wright (Blue Seal), Forrest, St. Andrew's Ch. M.B., Brandon.

Ontario Provincial.—

HONORARY MEMBERS

Hamilton P.S.—Miss J. I. Crawford, by ''Golden Rule'' M.B., St. Paul's Ch., Mrs. James Watson, by the Home Circle Aux., St. Paul's Ch., Hamilton. **Peterborough P.S.**—Mrs. Robert Hall, by St. Paul's Aux., Peterborough.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—Sibyl Catherine Parker, Paisley M.B.; May Holloway, Tolmie Memorial Ch., Katherine Scott, Port Elgin M.B. **Maitland P.S.**—Jean Graham, Fraser MacKinnon, South Kinloss M.B. **Toronto P.S.**—Helen Young, Ruth Fernie, Allan Ferguson, Harry Reid, Mabel Booth (Gold Seal), ''Busy Bee'' M.B., Riverdale Ch., Toronto;

Miss Margaret Mowat, Audry McGuire, Isabella Brawley, Whitby M.B.; Margaret Hill, Marion McLean, Jean Baker, Jean Bean, Isobel Bean, Helen Kirkland (2nd seal), May Kirkland (2nd seal), Anna Taylor (2nd seal), Ray Agnew (2nd seal), Margaret Fleming (3rd seal), Dovercourt M.B., Toronto; Baby Florence Isabel Foulds, Margaret Craig Aitken Zeidman, James Craw, Margaret MacDonald, Helen MacPherson, Catherine Wilson, Henrietta Wilson (each 1st seal), Charlotte Spedding (3rd seal), ''Coral'' M.B., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Mary Alice Armstrong, Y.W. Aux., Cooke's Ch., Toronto; Drummond McDonald, ''Maple Leaf'' M.B., John William MacGillivray, Murray Parker Wilson, ''Gordon Macpherson'' Aux., Chalmers Ch., Toronto.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. Bertha Stewart, Mrs. Mildred Stuart, Heward Aux.; Mrs. J. E. Mackie, Stornoway & Dunleith Aux.; Mrs. George Wright, Mrs. W. W. Stewart, Assiniboia Aux.; Mrs. Donald Munro, St. Andrew's Aux., North Battleford; Mrs. Thomas Smith, Vancouver, St. Andrew's Aux., Saskatoon.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Margaret Jean Mason (Gold Seal), Mary Pauline Mason (Blue Seal), through Nokomis Aux.; Ellen Margaret Ross, Mary Rose McIntosh, Strassburg Aux.; Daniel Louis MacPhee, Grace M.B., Strassburg; William Campbell McClinton, Lillian Eva Schnell, Mary Louise McClinton (Silver Seal), ''Willing Workers'' M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., North Battleford.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

British Columbia

Westminster P.S.—St. Aidan's Aux., New Westminster.

Ontario

Toronto P.S.—''Burning Bush'' M.B. (Boys), Newmarket.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—The ''Stanley Y.W.A.'', Stanley Church, Westmount; The Robert Campbell Memorial Church M.B., Montreal; Mount Royal Vale Church M.B., Montreal.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—Tisdale Aux., Women's League, Mayfair Ch., Saskatoon (Associate Society).

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

Alberta

Provincial Officers—page 104—Y. W. and C.G.I.T. Secretary—Miss W. K. Swinarton, Y.W.C.A., Edmonton.

Manitoba

Winnipeg Presbyterial—page 130—new Y.W. and C.G.I.T. Secretary—Mrs. H. W. Huntley, 355 Waverly St., Winnipeg.

W.M.S. ESTIMATES FOR 1929

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

South Porcupine, Ont.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,320.00	
First Nurse	1,080.00	
Second Nurse	1,080.00	
Insurance	192.00	
		$3,672.00
Fort McMurray, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,130.00	
Maintenance	600.00	
		$1,730.00
‘‘Hugh Waddell Memorial’’ Hospital, Canora, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Five Nurses' Salaries at $900.00 each	4,500.00	
		$5,700.00
‘‘Rolland M. Boswell’’ Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Three Nurses at $900.00 each	2,700.00	
Root Cellar	200.00	
New Well	800.00	
		$4,900.00
General Contingency		$1,000.00
		$17,002.00

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Montreal—		
Miss Reid, Expenses and Rent	$655.00	
Miss Jue, Salary	720.00	
Additional Equipment	30.00	
Caretaker	30.00	
Travelling Expenses	210.00	
		$1,645.00
Brockville—		
Miss Davies, Honorarium	$200.00	
Expenses	50.00	
		$250.00
Toronto—		
Miss Dickson, Rent and Expenses	$420.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	210.00	
Miss Lambert, Salary (part time)	240.00	
Christmas Grant	10.00	
Equipment	20.00	
		$900.00
Saskatchewan—		
Contingency	$500.00	$500.00
Vancouver—		
Miss Lawrence, Salary	$1,200.00	
Miss Dickman, Salary	540.00	

Additional Equipment	100.00	
		$1,840.00
Victoria—		
Mrs. Macqueen, Salary	$1,130.00	
Miss Scott, Salary	1,010.00	
Miss Chan, Salary	420.00	
Additional Equipment	15.00	
		$2,575.00
		$7,710.00

EDUCATIONAL

SCHOOL HOMES

New Liskeard, Ont.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$770.00	
Assistance, Wages	250.00	
Taxes	350.00	
Insurance	60.00	
Fuel Allowance	200.00	
Repairs	200.00	
		$1,830.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Assistant	696.64	
Taxes	650.00	
Calcimining Walls	250.00	
Garden and Rink	100.00	
Repairs	300.00	
		$3,196.64
"Lucy M. Baker" Prince Albert, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$720.00	
Assistance, Wages	204.00	
Maintenance	660.00	
Fuel Allowance	250.00	
Taxes	186.02	
Repairs	150.00	
		$2,170.02
Huntingdon, Que.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Assistance, Wages	800.00	
Water Rates	25.00	
Fuel Allowance	275.00	
Repairs	150.00	
Fire Escape	300.00	
		$2,450.00
Boys' and Girls' School Homes, Vegreville, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary, Boys' Home	$ 720.00	
Assistance, Wages	480.00	
Matron's Salary, Miss McQuarrie	480.00	
Superintendent's Salary, Girls' Home	814.80	
Teacher's Salary	1,100.00	
Maintenance	3,000.00	

School Fees	128.00	
Fuel Allowance	500.00	
Taxes	850.00	
Insurance	269.55	
Light and Power	205.00	
Feed for Stock	150.00	
Repairs	200.00	
Bathroom	285.00	
		$9,182.35
Canora School Home, Sask. (closed)—		
Taxes		155.00
		$18,984.01

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

"Cecilia Jeffrey," Ont. (P.O. Indian Bay, Man.)—		
Principal's Salary	$1,400.00	
Matron	700.00	
Senior Teacher	736.64	
Junior Teacher	720.00	
Moving	200.00	
Insurance	190.07	
		$3,946.71
Birtle, Man.—		$5,200.00
Mistawasis, Sask.—		
Teacher's Salary	$ 720.00	
Expenses	1,600.00	
Contingency	200.00	
		$2,520.00
		$11,666.71

SOCIAL SERVICE

Deaconess Work — Welcome and Welfare

Toronto—		
Miss M. Murray, Salary	$1,135.00	
Expenses	155.00	
Miss Whitby, Salary	1,080.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Miss D. Millar	320.00	
New Worker	640.00	
		$3,450.00
Hamilton, Ont.—		
Miss Allan, Salary	$1,010.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,130.00
Montreal, Que.—		
Miss Macarthur, Salary	$1,160.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Miss Hugill, Salary	1,150.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Miss Munro, Salary	1,010.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$3,680.00

Quebec—		
Miss R. R. Scott, Honorarium		$ 300.00
Winnipeg—		
Mrs. Howey, Salary	$1,010.00	
Expenses	158.28	
		$1,168.28
"Gonor" (Selkirk) Man.—		
Mrs. MacKenzie, Salary	$1,200.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,320.00
Vancouver, B.C.—		
Mrs. MacLean, Salary	$ 600.00	
Expenses	84.00	
		$ 684.00
Special Worker for B.C.		$ 360.00
Annual Grant to Fresh Air Camp		$ 300.00
		$12,392.28
Supply Department		3,000.00
General Work Total for National Missions		$70,755.00

EXPANSION

British Columbia Deaconess at Large	$960.00		
Expenses	120.00		
Contingency	600.00		
		$1,680.00	
Education of two Chinese girls: one medical, and the other in music and kindergarten		$500.00	
Montreal, special worker (4 mos.)		350.00	
Quebec, Welcome and Welfare worker, 6 mos. and expenses		600.00	
Regina, Welcome and Welfare worker, part time, four months		100.00	
Saskatoon, Welcome and Welfare worker four months		100.00	
Gonor, Man., enlargement of mission		600.00	
			$3,930.00
Total for National Missions			$74,655.00

OVERSEAS WORK

INDIA

Bhil Field

Salaries—		
Miss Robson	$1,000.00	
Miss Maxwell	850.00	
Miss McConnell	700.00	
Miss Williamson	700.00	
		$3,250.00

Evangelistic Work	$ 480.00	
Language Study	360.00	
Educational	3,822.00	
Medical	1,050.00	
Vacation Allowance	300.00	
Miscellaneous	630.00	
Garage	133.00	
		$6,775.00
		$10,025.00

Gwalior

Salaries—		
Miss Stringer	$ 800.00	
Miss Whatling	800.00	
Miss Simpson	650.00	
		$2,250.00
Educational	$2,231.00	
Evangelistic	1,342.00	
Language Study	360.00	
Medical	418.00	
Summer Vacation	225.00	
Fence	335.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
		$5,411.00
		$7,661.00

FORMOSA

Salaries—		
Miss J. M. Kinney	$ 420.00	
Miss Connell	420.00	
Mrs. Gauld	1,000.00	
Miss Gretta Gauld	825.00	
Miss Mabel Clazie	1,000.00	
Miss A. Senior	825.00	
Miss Alma Burdick	687.50	
Miss Ada Adams	687.50	
Miss Dorothy Douglas	650.00	
Miss Jean Cummings	650.00	
Miss Margaret Ramsay	650.00	
Mrs. Koa	650.00	
		$8,465.00
Evangelistic—		
Bible Women	$ 600.00	
Travel to Field	400.00	
		$1,000.00
Educational—		
Girls' School Maintenance	$4,000.00	
Women's School Maintenance	400.00	
Kindergarten	600.00	
		$5,000.00
Medical—		
Nurses' Salaries and Hospital Supplies		$2,000.00

Miscellaneous—

Language Teachers	$ 800.00	
Postage and Stationery	25.00	
Maintenance of W.M.S. Property	1,000.00	
Taxes	250.00	
Miss Senior's Travel	650.00	
Nine Vacation Allowances	675.00	
		$3,400.00
		$19,865.00

CHINA

Manchuria China

Salaries, Miss Graham and Miss Kok	$1,700.00	
Rent for home and two chapels in Szepingkai	500.00	
Rent for home and two chapels in Taonan	75.00	
Rent for opening up Tungliao	150.00	
Rent for country work	200.00	
Bible Women	160.00	
Incidentals	130.00	
Touring, missionaries and native workers	200.00	
Summer Allowance	150.00	
Ladies' House	240.00	
Tracts	100.00	
		$3,605.00

South China

Salaries, Misses Reid, Crockett, Dickson and Dr. MacBean	$3,900.00	
Grant to Hackett Medical College	1,000.00	
House Rent Dr. MacBean	150.00	
Vacation Allowance, Dr. MacBean	75.00	
		$5,125.00

Shanghai

Grant to Mrs. D. MacGillivray for Christian Literature	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
		$8,780.00

JAPAN

Tokio

Grant to Dr. Caroline Macdonald		$2,000.00

Korean Work in Japan—

Miss MacLean's Salary	$ 800.00	
Vacation Allowance	75.00	
Language Teacher	360.00	
Two Bible Women	1,000.00	
Support of two Bible Women, Korea	150.00	
Kindergarten	500.00	
House rent	300.00	
Travel on Field	100.00	
		$3,285.00
		$5,285.00

BRITISH GUIANA

New Amsterdam

Miss Mary Murray, Salary	$1,000.00	
Vacation allowance	75.00	
Rent of house at $20 per mo. (part)	120.00	
		$1,195.00
Miss Barlow's Salary	$ 800.00	
Miss Barlow's return fare	200.00	
Five Scholarships at $6.00 per mo. 10 mos.	300.00	
Furniture for sitting room	100.00	
		$1,400.00

Demerara

Miss Cropper, Salary, half time	$ 325.00	
Room rent	240.00	
Expense allowance	60.00	
		$ 625.00
Expenses, $10 per month		$ 120.00
		$3,340.00
Total of General Work, Overseas Missions		$54,956.00

EXPANSION

India (Bhil Field)

* Children's Nursing Home	$5,000.00	
Completing Jobat bungalow	5,000.00	
		$10,000.00
Gwalior, bungalow and out houses		6,000.00
		$16,000.00
Total for Overseas Missions		$70,956.00

NEW MISSIONARIES

Japan

Miss Currie, Salary	$ 300.00	
Travel to field	500.00	
Outfit allowance	200.00	
Travel expenses	100.00	
Linen, etc.	30.00	
		$1,130.00

Formosa

Miss Chisholm, Salary	$ $570.00	
Travel	500.00	
Travel expenses	100.00	
Linen	50.00	
Language	150.00	
		$1,370.00
		$2,500.00

* Provided for through gift by Mrs. M. G. Abey, of Brandon, Man.

PUBLICATIONS

Salaries	$4,100.00	
Office rent, part	1,200.00	
New publications	850.00	
Annual reports, printing and mailing	1,400.00	
Departmental tabulated forms	200.00	
Contingency	500.00	
		$8,250.00

ORGANIZATION

Field Secretaries—		
Miss L. K. Pelton, Salary	$1,200.00	
Expenses	600.00	
Miss P. B. Lamont, Salary	1,200.00	
Expenses	600.00	
Girls' Work Secretary—		
Miss Edith Sinclair, Salary (part)	600.00	
Assistant's Salary (begin June)	300.00	
Travelling expenses	600.00	
Camps in Provinces	200.00	
Missionary deputation work	300.00	
Contingency	400.00	
		$6,000.00

STUDENT

Department Expenses	$ 750.00

CANDIDATE

Department Expenses	$ 500.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Lantern slides—			
Boxes, slides, express, postage, office equipment and incidentals		$ 600.00	
Departmental stenographer		1,320.00	
Library Department	$250.00		
Grant to Hungarian Literature	120.00		
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		$470.00	
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Grant for Board Room		100.00	
			$3,265.00
Church Extension			$1,000.00
Deputation, (Missionary and Board Members)			$1,000.00
Council Expenses			$9,000.00
Pensions—Paid into Church Pension Fund for W.M.S. workers			$1,000.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	$2,220.00	
Office rent (part)	1,200.00	
Auditing	250.00	
General office expense	2,000.00	
Exchange	500.00	
		$6,170.00

SUMMARY

National Missions		$74,685.00
Overseas Missions		70,956.00
New Missionaries		2,500.00
Publications		8,250.00
Organization		6,000.00
Student		750.00
Candidate		500.00
Miscellaneous		3,265.00
Church Extension		1,000.00
Deputation		1,000.00
Council Expenses		9,000.00
Pension		1,000.00
Administration		6,170.00
General Contingency		3,854.00
		$188,930.00
Less amount received from Mrs. Abey for Children's Nursing Home in India	$5,000.00	
Amount provided by Legacies	3,930.00	
		$8,930.00
		$180,000.00

Necessary Expansion if Possible

Nurses' Home (Bhil Field)	$1,700.00	
Hostel, Gwalior Mission	8,000.00	
Two New Missionaries	2,500.00	
Welcome and Welfare worker	500.00	
		$12,700.00

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NEC TAMEN CONSUMEBATUR

"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Easter

"He died,
And with Him perished all that men hold dear;
Hope lay beside Him in the sepulchre;
Love breathed his last; and all of good beside
Died when He died.

He rose,
And hope arose and love and light
Men said not Christ, but Death died yesternight,
All virtues, fair, triumphant o'er their foes
Rose—when He rose."

Editorial

THE World Day of Prayer was observed on February 15th, by the women of the Christian Churches and missions in all lands. We read that, in African villages the drum summoned the women to the place of prayer, while from many of the big cities of North America radio centres broadcast the call to worship and intercession.

WORD HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED by our W.M.S., that further honor has been conferred on Miss Caroline Macdonald, LL.D., of Tokyo. On the occasion of the enthronement of the Emperor silver medals and cups were presented to two hundred and forty-seven outstanding social workers. Only six foreigners received the awards, Miss Macdonald being one. She received a silver cup. These awards of merit were given for distinguished service in connection either with social work or in service to industry, commerce, emigration or colonization. Miss Macdonald has been engaged in prison work in Tokyo for more than twelve years, and has been influential in bringing about, through Japanese management, various changes in the care and service for convicted persons, both when in prison and on their return to a normal position in society after leaving prison. This is the third occasion in which Miss Macdonald has been honored by the Emperor for the work which she started, the usefulness of which has been warmly recognized by the judicial authorities.

At a tea at the British Embassy, at which Lady Tilley was hostess, the British Ambassador read a cablegram from Lord Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, conveying the congratulations of the Canadian Government to Miss Macdonald.

The members of our W.M.S. who have a deep and practical interest in Miss Macdonald's work, unite in extending to her their warmest congratulations.

THE DEATH, ON JANUARY 12TH, of Miss Margaret Rodger, of East Settlement, Que., removes one of the early missionaries of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Miss Rodger was born in East Settlement in 1847, and was a daughter of the late Joseph Rodger and Jean McOuat, his wife. While attending McGill Memorial School, Miss Rodger became acquainted with Miss Marion Fairweather, a fellow student, and both felt constrained to offer themselves for Mission work in India. At that time, no organization existed in the Presbyterian Church in Canada for sending missionaries to India; but these young women were determined to answer the call that had come to them and they applied to the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and were accepted and, in 1873, were sent out to the heart of India. Four years later, the Presbyterian Church in Canada sent out Rev. James Douglas to establish work in Indore, Central India, and Miss Rodger became attached to that mission, and did valuable work there. A breakdown in health compelled her to return to Canada, after a service in India of seventeen years. During her stay in Indore she was associated with that wonderful missionary hero, the late Rev. John Wilkie, D.D., whose work in the Gwalior Mission at Jhansi has been so successful. On January 16th, the funeral of Miss Rodger took place from the Presbyterian Church, Lachute, Que., with which she had been long and closely associated.

IN THE PROVINCE OF SHANGTUNG homes are deserted, villages forsaken, cities depopulated, by twos and threes, whole families and singly, people are making for the railway to take them to ''China's promised land, Manchuria.'' Away from the old homes, away from war-stricken Shangtung they are hurrying. The railway reckoned that they had carried one million people in 1927, and made arrangements for the transportation of two million in 1928. Because of civil war those people could not be reached with tracts and gospels as they left their homes, but after many weary hours in the train how pathetically eager they were for literature. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has five missionaries in Manchuria, Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, who have spent forty years in China, and Mr. Reoch, who is their right hand man. In Szepingkai, the first opened station, the Misses Graham and Kok took entire charge of the work for both men and women from March, 1928, and Miss Graham has written that after a year of intensive evangelistic work in Szepingkai, she felt compelled to go out to the ''regions beyond,'' even if she had to go entirely alone. In

Manchuria, there is now work in three large centres. Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and Mr. Reoch are working at Taonan, Miss Kok is at Szepingkai and Miss Graham at Tungliao. The hearts of these five workers will be cheered by the appointment, by the Board of Missions, of two new missionaries to Manchuria—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koffend.

A WORD TO *Glad Tidings* readers who have delayed renewing their subscriptions. The objective for 1929 is 25,000 subscriptions. Up to the end of January, 18,500 subscriptions were received at head office. That is 6,500 short of the objective, or 2,900 short of the 1927 subscriptions, which numbered 21,500. With a membership of 45,000 or more there should be no difficulty in getting 25,000 subscribers. If each branch subscribed for three extra copies, one to be used for a reference file, the other two to be used for a clipping book of information on the different departments, the objective would be achieved, and anxiety over finances removed.

An Easter Message

MRS. W. M. KANNAWIN

CHRIST is risen! How these words change the whole aspect of human life! The thought of the risen Lord brings comfort in the days of adversity and lifts us into the high privilege of the sons of God. In the valley of the shadow, His brightness illuminates every step and, in the hour of death, He will fling open the gate of everlasting life.

The real Easter is the power of Christ's resurrection that raises our spirits to heavenly places and fills our lives, on earth, with the joy and peace, the victory and love of the spirit of our risen Lord.

''That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection'' was the Apostle Paul's greatest wish for himself. He had passed through tribulation, he had endured the bitterest persecution and he felt the need of some uplifting and transforming power. So he prayed—''that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection.'' With such knowledge, would come victory over every enemy and every temptation. Even death itself would vanish in the presence of ''the power of the resurrection.'' For Paul knew that Jesus did not rise from the dead because of some power acting on Him from without but because ''He could not be holden of death.'' In other words, Jesus had within Himself the power of an endless life. And Paul prays that he may so fully enter into fellowship with Christ, that he too may become the possessor of ''the power of the resurrection.'' Nothing less than that would satisfy him. Let us ever remember that the Gospel of the Resurrection is not only or chiefly a record of the past, nor the promise of a future reanimation of dead organic matter. ''Flesh and blood,'' says Paul, ''cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.'' It is the proclamation that death is abolished, that this life is only the porch by which we enter our Father's house and death is the portal, by which we cross the threshold. So, day by day, we too must die unto sin that we may live unto righteousness, thus experiencing the blessedness of that resurrection power.

How many Christians fail to appreciate the grandeur of the Easter message! They cannot see the inner spiritual meaning of the Day or penetrate the dark veil of symbol and see the risen Lord present in all His power. They worship an absent Christ, a Christ who lived centuries ago and, without knowing it, seek the living amongst the dead. Perhaps some worry about the evidences of the Resurrection as did Mary Magdalene who, while gazing into the empty tomb turned her back upon her Lord, supposing Him to be the gardener. Do not ask how did Jesus rise? Listen rather to the announcement ''He is risen'' and He will call you by your name as He called Mary Magdalene. Then must every woman be constrained to enthrone the living Christ in the needy world's life!

Over the Top in Finances

IT is with very sincere thanksgiving that we report that again we have reached and gone well over our estimate for the year.

As you will remember we kept that estimate to the same amount as 1927, $170,000, knowing that so many had heavy obligations to their home churches. But, as has been the case every year since 1925, we have given much more than was asked, more even than last year—$186,552.38 being the generous gift of our women to the work of the Church at home and abroad.

The end of this year has been most satisfactory, for every Provincial Treasurer had her final returns in before the end of January, and every province met and most of them went over their allocations.

We are very thankful for all this fine work and very proud of the faithfulness and generosity of our members, but there is one weak spot and I want to speak of it. I drew your attention last year to the very small amount of money that comes in during the first half of the year, indeed I might say, the first eight months, for very little comes in during the summer months, and yet it is in these months that we have to buy the tickets and outfits for our new missionaries who leave the beginning of September, besides meeting the regular monthly expenses.

By the end of June our treasury was very sadly depleted and we had to borrow $20,000 from our Sustaining Fund to carry us. This could not be repaid until the end of the year, which meant that we lost six months' interest on $20,000. After borrowing this large amount all went well until the end of October when we ran very short again, and rather than borrow our last $10,000 I telephoned to Mrs. Thorburn, of Ottawa, Ontario Provincial Treasurer, and she rose to the emergency in a wonderful way, first sending me all she had on hand, and then notifying all her Presbyterial Treasurers to send their money direct to me. And so we were able to meet all our obligations. But this is not as it should be. Instead of having these very delightful large amounts coming in at the end of the year, would it not be just as easy to send regularly each month?

If it is five cents or five dollars we have to give, let us try to give it systematically and thus make the work of your Treasurers—Auxiliary, Presbyterial, Provincial and General—a pleasure instead of a burden, often causing us sleepless nights. I did not intend to say so much about this, but it has been a real problem this year, and I feel so sure that if our members realized what a difference it would make, they would all resolve to help in this way as willingly and as cheerfully as they have in every other.

Receipts from January 1st to December 31st, 1928

Provincial Givings:			
Alberta		$ 4,800.00	
British Columbia	$6,249.84		
British Columbia, Huntingdon School Home	150.00	6,399.84	
Manitoba		4,997.17	
Ontario		136,305.00	
Quebec		18,465.00	
Saskatchewan		4,000.00	
			$174,967.01
Individual Subscriptions		$ 8,770.21	
Legacies		1,388.53	
Interest		1,112.18	
Rent of Property at Vegreville		240.00	
Refund on Student Work		44.45	$ 11,555.37
			$186,522.38
Received from Alberta $600, and British Columbia $1,589.53 on 1927 allocation			$ 2,189.53
			$188,711.91

(Mrs. R. C.) S. B. Donald,
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Designated To Service In Formosa

AN impressive designation service was held in Knox Church, Blue Mountain, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, the home church of the missionary elect, on January 15th, when Miss Ethel MacKay Chisholm, of Moose River, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, was set apart as a missionary nurse to the "MacKay Memorial Hospital," Taihoku, Formosa. The service was conducted by the Rev. Daniel MacVicar, and the Rev. Arch. Thompson, assisted in the devotional exercises. Following the solemn designation and dedication of the missionary, Mr. MacVicar read a letter of greeting and God speed from Mrs. Daniel Strachan, President of the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, under whose auspices Miss Chisholm goes to Formosa, and presented her with a Bible, suitably inscribed, the gift of the Council Executive, and also a copy of the New Testament in the Amoy dialect from the Canadian Bible Society.

Miss Ethel MacKay Chisholm

Miss Chisholm is a graduate of Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, and has taken the post-graduate obstetrical course at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. She has also completed a short course at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, and at the time of her appointment was night supervisor of the Private Pavilion in the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax. The appointment of Miss Chisholm completes the quota of nurses the W.M.S. undertook to supply for the "MacKay Memorial Hospital," Formosa, and is our response to their urgent call for a qualified obstetrical nurse. Miss Chisholm sailed for Formosa on the *Empress of Asia* on February 16th.

Co-Workers With God

"And the work that we count so hard to do,
He makes it easy, for He works too;
And the days that seem long to live are His,
A bit of His bright enternities,
And close to our need His helping is."

Thank You

MRS. W. H. FLETCHER

PREPARING the supplies that are required each year is one of the chief activities of our Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. Groups. From week to week and from month to month, the members of these organizations meet in church parlor or private home to sew and knit. As the allocations call for a variety of articles, some members are cutting materials into sheets and pillow cases, night-gowns and pyjamas, dresses and aprons. One group is quilting, another is fashioning baby garments. A group of girls is dressing dolls—another is making scrap books, others are rolling bandages. Some are busy making new garments out of old ones. The snip of the scissors, the click of the knitting needles and perhaps the hum of a sewing machine mingle with the merry chatter of the workers. The various articles on which much thoughtful care has been spent are followed with interest to the Presbyterial packing place where they are packed into bales and shipped to various destinations.

The bales have arrived! They are opened! The contents are eagerly scanned and plans are made for the distribution. Letters acknowledging the arrival of the bales are received by the Presbyterial Supply Secretaries and from these letters the following extracts have been made. They tell a small part of the story of what our supplies mean to those who receive them.

"We get such splendid bales of supplies. I wish the ladies who so kindly donate towards our bales, could see us open them, and I think if they could hear us exclaim over a generous supply of something we need badly they would feel partly repaid for their good work. We often get dolls, quite a number of them, and I try to give one to some little child that is unlikely to get one otherwise. We had one little girl in here very sick. Some nice dolls came while she was with us. I gave her one of the nicest for herself and I always feel that doll helped her to get better. She was the happiest little girl over her doll."

"Will you kindly convey our heartfelt thanks to all Auxiliaries who contributed towards the bales. Everything is just splendid. Especially grateful for the box of fruit, it is just lovely and came through in good condition."

"The children were delighted with the hankies, beads, etc. I use them as prizes for the best-made beds and the tidiest rooms. I wish to thank those who made the bed-spread. Every one admires the graceful flowers embroidered on it."

"All bales reported have not reached us, but a large proportion has been opened and the contents classified and placed in the store-room, hence we can speak with confidence, as well as gratitude of the season's substantial addition to our store of supplies. In some of the bales there is abundant evidence that the Mission Bands have been working to good purpose; the young ladies too have given a worthy contribution. Our thanks are certainly due, and are given most gladly to all organizations and individuals whose efforts make it possible to face the year's work without anxiety.''

''I wish some of your Society could hear the ''Thank you'' and the wishes expressed that we tell you how much they appreciate the things they receive. Other years we have just asked for discarded coats and dresses to be made over, and were thankful to get them. This year your parcel is a real Christmas box. The children were delighted, many of them never had a doll before. Most of the members of this mission are returned soldiers struggling to get a start in a bush land, and with anywhere from two to six children in a home—and among people of foreign descent who speak very little English—making it very hard for us. Everything sent will be used and appreciated. The toys are a real treat.''

''In this district there has been no crop for two years, last year the frost, and this year we had a hail storm that destroyed everything in its path. You will hardly believe it but the hail was as large as billiard balls. Four miles east, many sheep were battered to death. I lost all my crop. If it had not been for the bales, Santa Claus would not have visited some of the homes here.''

''The distribution of the contents of the bale brought joy to several families. Two of these families were so reduced in circumstances that the children could not attend school for lack of clothing. Now they are in regular attendance at public and Sabbath School. There are other needy families for whom we are re-making articles of clothing.''

''The quilts are so nice and warm. There are several families who will share the contents of the bale. Some of the articles will adorn the Christmas tree. It seems like Christmas when the bale comes.''

''It is charming to note the work of the little girls here and there among the things, and the thoughtful and generous donations of the mothers. Particularly do we thank the Band for the ''text'' spread and the little girl who put the wee china doll and other things in a box.''

''The bales were very fine indeed, and came in excellent condition being so well packed. Let me assure you that they will be much needed and appreciated as the farmers have been unable to harvest their crops on account of the long continued rainy weather. Most of the hay crop is still out. (Oct. 30th). Potatoes are a complete failure, this means that the families of these people must do without many necessities of life. We have many new families making their homes in Northern Ontario and many of them come unprepared for the long cold season, so I shall be able to do something for them.

''I was so delighted to see the nice warm quilts, for I just had an appeal yesterday. The case was reported by one of the local doctors. They and the district nurse see cases of need in outlying country places, which might never otherwise be known. The people whom I have in mind are comparatively recent comers to Canada and have met with several reverses. This year the almost incessant rain has made it impossible for the farmers to harvest their crops. The potatoes are ruined and that is a serious lookout for people with big families, and possibly just a small clearing. It is a slow job, getting a living from a bush farm unless one has capital. The dollies and other playthings will gladden many childish hearts, and the lovely scrap books made by patient diligent fingers will find homes where they will be appreciated, and I am sure that the makers have already had many happy hours over their labor of love.''

''The toys, etc., were great and will be used at Christmas. Layettes were of great service. How grateful these mothers were, as many of them are very poor.''

''Could you have dropped in at our Christmas treat you would understand how grateful we are for the lovely Christmas box. More than eighty-five children who would otherwise have had no Christmas treat, received such useful and dainty gifts as could not have been procured even if we had the funds. The gifts were as suitable as though one had personally selected each for a particular child. This particular department of providing gifts for little isolated children must surely have a far-reaching influence.''

''We received the hospital supplies sent us and a box of fruit. The fruit arrived in perfect condition. We appreciate the fruit. It is a great help to us. We can give fruit to nearly all our patients, and we use a great deal of it through the winter.''

''Many thanks for the clothing, I was able to dispose of some of the contents immediately for it keeps the majority of bread winners here busy buying food for the little ones. The things might have been made to order, they fit so beautifully. It is a joy to be able to unpack outside for I have so little room to store surplus stock. I am glad when I can open up the parcels and arrange them immediately.''

''So many of the parents come for the Christmas tree and concert, many of them driving forty or fifty miles to spend Christmas with their children who are not allowed to go home during the winter months. This means much work for us, as they stay two or three days to rest up their horses. I often wish the W.M.S. ladies could visit our school oftener and see for themselves the wonderful work they are doing in sending clothing and gifts for these Indian children—without which this work could not be carried on.''

''We were delighted with the parcel. What lovely rugs they are, and what a lot of work and time it must have taken to get them ready for us!''

''I am just getting the supplies sorted and put away. Everything was fine and lovely. The spreads are so pretty. If you could see how one looks on my bed and see how it improves the appearance of my room, you would feel repaid for your work.''

''Thanks for the bales of clothing that have just come to hand. We will sort them over and make the most of them. Quilts and warm clothing are a great boon to the Indians as their homes are anything but warm.''

''The fur coat is just the thing for this cold weather. This field is 40 miles long and 20 miles wide. Three services every Sabbath.''

''I do thank you for the clothing you have sent for distribution. It will be gratefully received as the crops are very much frozen this year and I do not know how some of the settlers are going to make good.''

A second article dealing with the other work undertaken by the Supply Department will appear next month.—Ed.

A Prayer Hymn

LORD of all pots and pans and
things, since I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things, or
watching late with Thee,
Or dreaming in the dawn light, or
storming Heaven's gates,
Make me a saint by getting meals,
and washing up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's
hands, I have a Mary mind;
And when I black the boots and
shoes, Thy sandals, Lord, I find.
I think of how they trod the earth,
what time I scrub the floor.
Accept this meditation, Lord, I
haven't time for more.

Warm all the kitchen with Thy love,
and light it with Thy peace.
Forgive me all my worrying, and
make all grumbling cease.
Thou who didst love and give men
food, in room, or by the sea,
Accept this service that I do—I do
it unto Thee.

W. T. G.

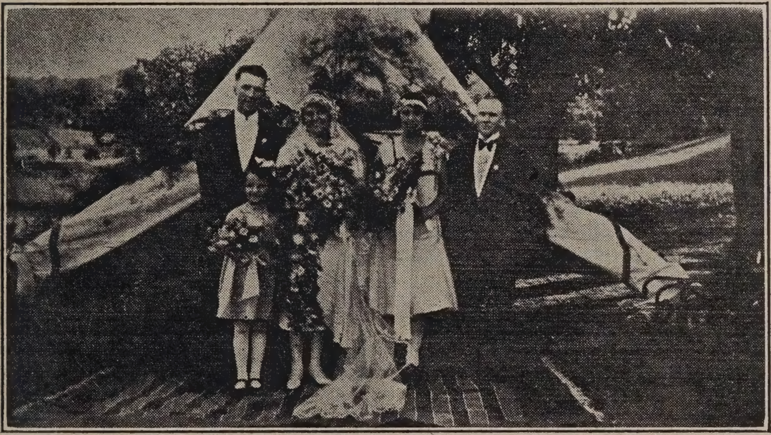
Written by a girl of 19 who is in domestic service, and read by Dr. Campbell Morgan to a great congregation in Westminster Chapel.

The Wedding at Amkhut

MISS MARIAN WILLIAMSON

THE great wedding is over and the bride and groom are away on their honeymoon so we have a few minutes now to tell you all about the great occasion, for which we have been planning for some time past and about which many of you will be anxious to hear.

For days and weeks beforehand preparations were going on and every one had a share and worked with willing hands to make everything successful. Of course at this time of the year the weather is at its best and one can almost be sure of a clear sky so plans were laid to have part of the proceedings in the open air.



The Bridal Party

Mr. Toombs, Mrs. Toombs, Miss Simpson, bridesmaid, Mr. McKay, groomsman, Miss Martha McDonald, flower girl.

About the first big job was to get the bungalows and Church whitewashed after the rains. Inside and outside had to be brightened up for the great day. The long grass had to be cut and the general cleaning after the rains hurried along. The boys and girls helped in this. Their willing hands and quick feet were an indispensable aid.

One important item in the preparations was the making of the new clothes for our boys and girls. The girls were provided with new pink dresses and white saris and the boys with blue trousers and white shirts. To get about one hundred and fifty of these ready was no small task. The girls' dresses were finished in plenty of time and they were happy, but alas! when the boys' shirts were being handed out the evening before the great day, we were short six. There were six disappointed boys for a short time but an investigation proved that they were ready but had been laid away safely in a box.

Then there were all the details of the wedding itself, which we had to plan as well as we could, not knowing the wishes of the bride in the matter. We were, however, quite willing to change any part to suit her wishes on her arrival here, but she was quite pleased with our arrangements and they were carried through as originally planned.

Invitations were sent out to the Jhansi missionaries and all the missionaries of our own field, and a verbal invitation was sent to all the mission helpers and Christian people who wished to attend, and to the people about Amkhut. The Rajah of our state was invited and would have been pleased to come, but his daughter, a young girl of about sixteen, died recently and he was not attending public functions. The Jhansi missionaries all came, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin who were unable to leave at that time, and our own people from far and near, even to Tezlo and his family and Waja Singh's family from Toran Mall.

For the Church decorations. We had just purchased new blue durries and they were used for the first time. The front of the Church was decorated with an embankment of bamboo branches and flowers and above each of the doors were palm branches. The blackboards were decorated with appropriate verses of scripture in Hindi. A large white durry was placed where the bridal party were to stand and an aisle of white led up to it and to the vestry.

Mr. Toombs and Mr. McDonald went to Bombay to meet the party and they arrived in Amkhut on Tuesday, the 13th, bringing Miss Simpson with them. They had come in on an earlier train than we thought so arrived in Amkhut sooner than we expected them. However, some one heard the motor in the distance and our new bell was rung to welcome the bride.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts with their two children, Miss Stringer, Miss Whatling, Mr. MacKay and Mr. Cheshire arrived. We decorated the dining room with a wedding bell, streamers and Chinese lanterns and after dinner a miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Elliott, the bride to be.

Thursday was the great day. On Wednesday a most unusual thing happened. We had a shower of rain, but Thursday dawned fair and bright. The McDonald family arrived from Jobat about twelve o'clock. How happy they all looked and well after the long trip!

Mr. and Mrs. Young went to Dohad in the morning to get the flowers for the bride and bridesmaid which had been shipped up from Bombay. Mrs. Young was also to bring the wedding cake, which she had very kindly offered to make. Mr. Young was to give the bride away, so the wedding could not go on very well without them. The time set for the ceremony was 1.30 p.m. and it was close to that time before they arrived as they had about fifty miles to travel out to Dohad. However, they came all safe and sound and then the first bell was rung.

Long before the first bell, people had begun to gather, but the doors were not opened until then and in a few minutes every corner was full, even to the aisle specially marked for the bride to come in. However, the ushers seated as many as possible inside and then the verandahs began to fill up. The doors were all wide open so they had a good view too.

The boys dressed in their new clothes and carrying white pennants on white poles formed in line from the Church towards the men's bungalow and after the minister, the groom and best man had passed by, fell in in two's and marched into the Church.

The girls with their new pink dresses and holding their white saris formed in line from the Church towards the ladies' bungalow and made a way for the bride and her party. A canopy had been prepared, under which the bridal party walked protected from the sun. It was of white and trimmed with a long fringe of white crepe paper and tinsel and was carried to the Church by six of the big girls. The girls fell in in two's after the bridal party, who waited a minute or two to allow them to get into place before they entered the Church. The party was quite the prettiest that any of us have seen I am sure. First came Martha McDonald, as flower girl, in a yellow frock and carrying a lovely boquet of roses, then Miss Simpson, the bridesmaid, in a pale yellow frock, then the bride in her wedding dress of white flat crepe and wedding veil. Mr. Young brought the bride in to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Miss Robson.

During the signing of the register ten of the big girls sang a wedding hymn in Hindi and Miss McConnell sang ''O Perfect Love''. The bridal party came out into the Church again and Mr. Young made a short speech in both English and Hindi, welcoming the new bride to the Bhil country, the newcomers to India and those who were returning. Mrs. Roberts sang another hymn in Hindi after which Guman Elder spoke in Bhili to the people. After a congregational hymn the procession began to leave the Church.

The boys formed in line from the Church to the place prepared under the mango trees for the reception, and this time six of the big boys carried the canopy under which the bridal party walked. First came the bride and groom, and their attendants, then the English guests, then the school girls in two's, then the women, then the men, and then the boys. They marched past and gave their salaams then sat on our new tennis court to be served sweets. Those in charge of this part of the programme say that over six hundred people were served.

Tables were set under the trees and tea was served to the English guests. The bride's table was decorated with the wedding cake. After the teachers and elders had finished serving the sweets they were served with tea and refreshments and after them the servants who had been serving the tea.

Gangibai, our new Moderator of the first Bhil Presbytery, was unable to come to the Church for the wedding as he had been suffering from fever, but he was able to come up later. In his absence Tezlo Master returned thanks.

About six o'clock the bride and groom left for Dohad to take the train for Bombay. We did sprinkle a bit of confetti on them just to let them know that they could not escape that even in India.

The great event is over but I am sure it will long be remembered by all who were present. It was a very happy time for all, and the privilege of having so many of our missionaries gathered here for a few days was a great pleasure to us who live in Amkhut.

Affiliation and the W.M.S.

MISS MURIEL J. GRAY

LAST month an article appeared in this magazine ''Affiliation, what does it mean?'' in which Miss Sinclair pointed out to Girls and Leaders their opportunity for service by affiliating with the W.M.S. This month your Secretary has been asked to present the same subject to the W.M.S. as a whole, since from Auxiliaries, Presbyterials and Provincials as well as from individual leaders have come the same questions concerning this apparently elusive thing—affiliation.

First of all, what is affiliation? The W.M.S. Constitution defines it in this manner in clause XXXII: ''When a C.G.I.T. group or any other teen-age organization takes up regular mission study and contributes to the Women's Missionary Society funds, or assists in any other way the work of the Society, it shall be recognized as an affiliated group.

1. *How does this apply to Auxiliaries?* Let each Auxiliary look to its own church and learn if there are not organized Sunday School classes or groups of girls in their teens interested enough in world friendship to take up definite mission study and to make a contribution either in money or supplies to the work of the W.M.S. If the classes or groups respond to the appeal, send in their names to the Presbyterial C.G.I.T. Secretary of the W.M.S. who will forward the regulation affiliation forms which, having been filled in by the groups, should be returned immediately to the

Presbyterial Secretary. This affiliation in no way places the C.G.I.T. groups or clubs under the jurisdiction of the individual Auxiliary. Every group is just as independent an agent as the Mission Band, Young Women's Auxiliary or Auxiliary itself. Its offerings go directly to the Presbyterial Treasurer, its supplies to the Presbyterial Supply Secretary from whom the allocation is received. However, according to the W.M.S. Constitution, clause XXV, the leader of the C.G.I.T. group or club may be an ex-officio member of the Auxiliary's Executive Committee—a relationship which should prove of mutual benefit to both organizations.

Apart from this official contact, each Auxiliary can give great assistance to the group or groups in the home church. Interest, encouragement, information, a contribution in material for the first supplies, etc., all help to promote a mutual interest between the W.M.S. and the girls.

2. *How does affiliation apply to Presbyterials?* Let every Presbyterial appoint a girls' or C.G.I.T. Secretary of its own. This Secretary should then be responsible for her department, and, if retiring from office, should in turn supply her successor with a list of groups and informative literature regarding the work. The Presbyterial Secretary should forward affiliation forms to her various groups *every fall,* as that is the season when C.G.I.T. registration takes place and when Sunday School classes reorganize, or are promoted in connection with the Rally Day Sunday. These affiliation forms, having been fully filled in and listed, should be forwarded to the W.M.S. Provincial Secretary for girls. Any particular details of interest in connection with the groups' activities might also be communicated to the Provincial Secretary who is frequently being asked for suggestions.

The Presbyterial Secretary for girls should also be conversant with missionary literature and should consult with the Presbyterial Supply Secretary about articles which will be interesting for the girls to make.

Lastly, the Presbyterial Secretary for girls should send out the annual report forms in good season, one to every individual group. In that way, she can readily see if the groups are being credited in the Presbyterial with their missionary activities and contributions, before forwarding the reports to the W.M.S. Provincial C.G.I.T. Secretary.

Let every Presbyterial remember that leaders of the girls' organizations have a place in the Presbyterial Society. See W.M.S. Constitution, clause XVII.

3. *How does affiliation apply to Provincials?* Again, every Provincial should appoint a Secretary for girls. This Secretary should keep herself well supplied with the necessary affiliation forms, leaflets and material in demand by her Secretaries. She should also pass on information regarding the Presbyterial groups to the C.G.I.T. Secretary on the Council Executive, and in return send to Presbyterial Secretaries information received from

the Council. She should list carefully the affiliation forms sent in from the Presbyterial Secretaries and forward them as soon as possible to the Secretary for girls on the Council Executive.

Having received the reports from the Presbyterial Secretaries, she should send in her Provincial report to the Secretary for girls on the Council Executive.

Let the Provincials note that according to the W.M.S. Constitution, clause XXI, every province permits one representative of the C.G.I.T. or other teen-age organization from a congregation to attend the provincial annual meeting as a delegate entitled to vote.

At first glance these various steps in procedure may seem unnecessary, but a closer observation of the work as a whole will reveal the fact that, by this means, every department becomes responsible for the welfare of the individual groups affiliated with the Society, and only through prompt action on the part of these departments—be they Provincial, Presbyterial or Auxiliaries—in answering communications, and sending on material can the best results be obtained.

4. All these agencies supply the Secretary for girls on the Council Executive with the necessary information regarding the affiliated groups throughout the Western Division of the W.M.S. and to her Secretaries, she is ever grateful for co-operation. In addition, further assistance is rendered her by the Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary who, though jointly appointed by the Assembly's Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and the Women's Missionary Society, keeps ever before the girls the service they may render the women and children of other lands by affiliation with the organization whose motto is ''The World for Christ.''

A REQUEST—THE RESPONSE

''The victrola has arrived, we got it up from the station first thing this morning. It has come through in excellent condition, not even a record broken. It was indeed a generous gift and shall be greatly enjoyed by the 'Hugh Waddell.' The patients, especially the men, find time very long in hospital, as they seldom can read a word of English. The men's ward is full so I let them have the victrola for the time being, and oh! such a day as they have had with it. Really, we are so well taken care of it is a pleasure to be working at the 'Hugh Waddell'.''—*Miss Mary Cuddy.*

''The sewing machine has been well used already. We are very glad to have it, for all such things go to make up home life, and anything which will help to keep the girls at home means so much. One of the reasons I was so anxious to have a machine is that if there is not some interest at home they get that restlessness so evident in the youth of to-day.''

—*Miss Violet Scott, Saskatoon.*

Canned Goods

WHEN the good housewives bring their fresh vegetables from their gardens, do they place them on the table in their raw state, with no attempt to render them digestible and palatable? In the winter do they open a can of corn right at the table and turn it into a dish, with no attempt to dress it or serve it attractively, letting each person season it for himself?

Perhaps one could eat lettuce without dressing and without the pretty slices of cold egg or little crimson touches of pimento; perhaps, real hunger has driven some people to eat their beans raw; some people have even been known to eat raw potatoes under compulsion. There are families who always cook their potatoes in salt water to save time—never are they mashed or scalloped or French fried. But such a way of serving food does not attract people nor compel those without appetites to partake for their good.

You might open canned things right before your picnic guests, and let them make the best of the contents of the cans without combining, adorning or toning them down; but if you invite guests to your home for dinner, they have a right to expect you to open your cans in the kitchen out of their sight, and take time and thought and originality to prepare the food in a palatable and attractive way and serve it to them so that they will be tempted to eat with enjoyment.

What has all this to do with missions? Much in many ways. Have you not many times received in the fall of the year a little programme of your Missionary Society that invited you to the meetings? And you went expecting to learn something and have a pleasant evening, and have you not found that those who were serving the information just opened the can and took out the contents right there in your sight, and served it up to you unspiced and unseasoned, and expected you to like it?

Do I need to say that I am referring to the reading verbatim from our text-book, with no pretext at all of adding variety or showing some originality in presenting the information so carefully canned and preserved in fine condition for us?

For what we find in the cans is good; it is fine, accurate, up-to-date information as to conditions in heathen lands; we have no fault at all to find with the cans or with their contents,—we could not get along without them. But, dear women of the Auxiliaries, we expect too much of these cans,—we expect them to do for us all the preparing we just will not do for ourselves. It is as if in the winter you were to open a can of pumpkin and look into it, expecting to find a nice pie, with flaky crust and frosting all over it; you feel that you have not time or inclination to make a pie, but you just sort of feel that the can should contain the finished product and so you place the pumpkin sauce before the family and feel grieved when they do not accept it as a pie.

How often have we gone to a missionary meeting lately with an air of expectancy? We used to do that, perhaps, but we have been disappointed so often, as we found every one on the programme reading exactly what is in the text-book, with not even an attempt to put a tiny bit of her personality into the deed.

So we invite our women to a really serious consideration of recipes for the preparation of missionary programmes; we urge that you make such delightful concoctions as will aid the digestion of facts and statistics, stir the sluggish appetite for missions, and entice the uninterested to taste and see that missionary information is not a sleep producer, but a food that stimulates to energy, action, and opening of purses.—*Philadelphia Branch Message.*

A Practical Plan for Home Helpers

THE success or failure of any department is due largely to the interest or lack of interest displayed by those who have it in charge. Take for instance the Home Helper Department. It is one of the richest fields in our organization and yet in some places it is the least cultivated. This is not because of lack of ability on the part of the members but because they have not exercised their gifts of organization and originality. The story of what one city Auxiliary did may stimulate them to think out an even better plan.

In the Auxiliary to which we refer, the Home Helper Secretary, the Magazine Secretary and the Membership Secretary, arranged for a visitation of the congregation by elders districts. One visitor or more was appointed to each district. Every visitor had four things to do: (1) To get new members; (2) new Home Helpers; (3) new subscribers for the *Glad Tidings*; (4) to enlist children in the Mission Band. Then every month following, the Home Helpers were visited, the *Glad Tidings* delivered, the Home Helpers' envelopes collected and passed on to the Home Helper's Secretary. The success of this plan depends altogether on the punctual systematic visitation. The Home Helpers don't want the magazine when the news is out of date. Three ways of giving money were followed; by monthly envelope which was collected by the visitor, by giving a lump sum at the end of the year, or by placing the envelopes on the collection plate on Sunday. In October a social gathering was held to which the Home Helpers were invited. This provided an excellent opportunity for the members to get to know each other and for the hostess to tell something of the activities of the Society and to enlist their interest in the practical side of the work, that of supplies.

OUR LETTER BOX

Meeting the Koreans in Their Own Country

Hoiryung, Korea.

"I am seeing something of Korea. I came to spend Christmas with the McMullins at Hoiryung and on my way up, I spent a week end at Hamheung, Mr. Young's former station, then a day at Dr. Grierson's at Songjin. Hoiryung is near the boundary of Manchuria, and 36 hours journey by train from Seoul. I attended a couple of Christmas concerts and a social and enjoyed them very much. The Koreans here are so friendly.

"I have enjoyed seeing so much of Korea and the way the work is carried on. At the present minute I am writing in the dining room and the little McMullin boy is playing with 2 little Korean boys and a little girl. The latter is eleven years and on her back she carries her baby brother. It is wonderful how they can play and hop about with a burden on the back. A little while ago she was sitting on the floor juggling some blocks, with great dexterity.

"To-morrow I expect to start back to Seoul and am stopping off at Songjin to spend New Year's with Mrs. Burbidge, whose parents I know very well, having taught in their school. So you can see I do not lack for friends.

"This year in Korea will be a great benefit to me in many ways and certainly any knowledge gained about the people, the geography of the country, etc., will be useful later on. Then this visit has given me a good opportunity of hearing much of the language."

—*Miss Jean MacLean.*

Our First Letter from Miss Murray

British Guiana.

"On October 15th, I began work at the High School, New Amsterdam. There are forty-one girls enrolled, representatives of all the British Guiana races. We teach from standard one to form five, which latter is equivalent to senior matriculation. We have the standards on account of the Training Home girls, most of whom are not yet in high school work.

Forms four and five have been taking all their work and form three part of theirs, at the Boy's High School because for some years there has not been a university graduate as principal of the Girls' School. The mission council members are anxious for as many of the girls' classes as possible to be taken in their own school and in this country that policy is advisable. We are hardly able to do that yet, we have the standards and five forms, which would require six teachers and there are just four of us. It is not possible for one teacher to attend to more than one class at a time as in some Canadian schools for the pupils here do not seem able to study by themselves. However, by means of exchange of teachers with the Boys' School we may partly accomplish our object.

The girls are very attractive, they are lively and talkative—sometimes decidedly too much so. The Chinese are the best scholars perhaps because they are more ambitious than the rest. Unfortunately there are not many from among our own special people, the East Indians, the few we have are doing very well.

We have an hour of games with them every Thursday afternoon from five to six, Miss Dallas has them now, I can hear their merry laughter from where I sit. They play games whole heartedly, especially team games. At one time they had basket-ball but their ball wore out and the game lapsed.

Next week or so I hope to take over the ''Happy Workers'' society. It is an organization of the Canadian Mission here among the women and girls of the Berbice field. Their immediate object is to raise money for a Church, at present we have our services at the Boys' High School. The society has become almost extinct since Miss Anthony left, but that was just for want of a leader, they are all eager to start again. The Training Home girls have been working for it all along though there have been no meetings so it hasn't altogether died.

On Sundays I teach a class of senior girls in Sunday School. We meet at nine in the morning to avoid the heat. We are having very hot dry weather now, yesterday it was 194 degrees in the sun. It is surprising how little the heat bothers one here.''

—Miss Mary Murray.

At Work in Jobat Hospital

Jobat, Central India.

''It is still hard to realize that I am really in my own station, nevertheless it is true. We had five in-patients at the end of the week. The last few days we have had an increase of about twenty out-door patients. Montiya has carried on splendidly for the past months. Last week we had two dropsy cases, tapping was necessary so we took them into the operating room. I wish you could have seen the expression on the faces of the relatives when we told them that we had taken six quarts of fluid away. It is worth while to be able to alleviate suffering for some patients and at the same time be able to tell them about the Great Physician and His love for them. This morning I saw twenty-five patients in an hour. Montiya interpreted for me as a great many of the Bhils do not speak Hindi. I am trying to use as much Hindi as possible thus having practice.

''My old friend, malaria, visited me again at the week end but I am shaking it off more quickly than I used to. Sunday evening the McDonald boys had a Christian Endeavor Service, Donald led, Richard read the lesson, Drummond read the scripture and Daddy prayed. I do so enjoy these evenings with the children. I bought Dr. Maitland's organ and we sing after dinner. We are a happy family.''

—*Miss Isabel McConnell.*

Earnest Workers

Manchuria.

''It is more than two months since Miss Graham and I were left alone in Szepingkai. It is just a marvel and constant joy to us, to see how the Lord has undertaken for us spiritually and physically. We could not see how we possibly were fit for the heavy task, but we accepted it as from our Father's hand and trusted Him to provide strength and wisdom. We have a very trustworthy man now who cooks for us. He does not know much about housework and he does not wash up in a very fancy way, for all the dishes are decorated with a thin layer of something greasy, which, with a little imagination, develops into very artistic figures. But he is very reliable, and Miss Graham can be for hours downstairs and I out visiting and we need not worry about the house at all. That is of more value than beautifully polished floors or well set tables.

The two trained women from Tenghsien are doing very well. Miss Mu is a graduate from Tenghsien and the people like her very much because of her humble and kind spirit which appeals to the hearts of the women. She is very earnest in prayer and is a member of the Chinese prayer league of three hundred. Miss Pai, the girl from Taonan, is doing very well. I am quite convinced that she is really called of God. Old and young women love her, the better and poorer classes alike. She is very winning in her ways and courageous too.

We had a regular treat last night. At about eight o'clock, Mr. Kan, a student from Tenghsien, who has to put in another year before he graduates, came up for some business and started talking. He told us about his conversion and experiences, how he left a good position in the army and went to Tenghsien College. He is not supported by any Missionary Society, he saved up for some years, enough to make a start in school and since then has trusted the Lord to supply him, which our ever faithful Father has, of course, not failed to do. He told us how he happened to arrive in Tenghsien last year when all the foreigners, students and teachers had left. Of course, the Lord had sent him to take care of their precious college. And true. Soon the northern soldiers came. Through God giving him wisdom, he prevented them ruining the buildings, prepared food for them, etc. Then the southerners marched on and the northerners 'p'ao-ed.'' Now it was his difficult task to appease the southerners. Up went the red flag. Some days later, they had to retreat again and his old friends from the north came back. Down went the flag, as quickly as possible, every trace of the southerners had to be removed. Then shooting started, he thought his last moment had come. But, no, he was unhurt. So he thought better to leave, went to Hsuchow, Haichow, and so on to Hsuchien.'' —*Miss Kok.*

The Old Lady of the Fish Shop

Taihoku, Formosa.

''This morning after church Mrs. Gauld and I went to call on the old lady of the fish shop. Mrs. Strachan, I think, will remember her well. Every Sunday the whole family, or at least the women, would came to church and sit in one pew. They are such a striking looking group that you miss them when they are not there. For several weeks past they have not been coming but to-day only one was there and she said her mother-in-law was very ill, hence the visit. The daughter-in-law took us by the back way which was much quicker but led from one street straight through three or four houses including bedrooms, kitchens and dark passage-ways. It was a case of feeling one's way for you are sure to come upon unexpected stairs. How the people ever exist in their dark houses is beyond me but they do and seem to flourish. The old lady was in bed and almost too sick to recognize Mrs. Gauld, but when she did she ordered something for her to eat. Even in her illness she has not forgotten her duties as a hostess! They wanted to give us milk and what not, but we persuaded them that tea was all we cared for at the time.'' —*Miss Adair.*

Report by an Indian Bible Woman

Gwalior, India.

Dear Miss Sahiba:

''You know that on the 7th I came from Jhansi to Palgaon. For six days the children's eyes were sore, then Coruna took fever. When the children were well, then I began my work, that is in the towns. I went from house to house, and told the story of Jesus Christ. The women asked why no rain was coming, so I thought that this was an excellent opportunity to tell them of the power of God. I told them about Elijah and they listened very attentively. Sometimes eight or ten women gather in a home. Samanar and the leather workers listen best of all, and when I go there I always find five or six women gathered, who listen with all their mind. I cannot go to their homes in the morning because the women are at work, so I go after twelve o'clock. As the people from Burgaon come and go to this village, I also give them the gospel; and they too listen attentively. The Sunday School work is very interesting. There are never less than sixteen or twelve children, and six or seven women also come. I teach the women and children a verse from the Bible, and for an hour give them a lesson. This is my work for this month. As I do, you also pray for my work.''

A servant of Christ and you,
—Rebecka Huriya.

The Kindergarten Closing

Victoria, B.C.

''Our school closed for Christmas holidays, December 19th. There were present twelve Chinese mothers, six English ladies from the Presbyterial, and interested friends. The children all brought younger brothers and sisters. After songs by the school, Mr. Leung told the Christmas story in Chinese, so that the mothers who understood little English could enjoy it too. Mrs. Macqueen's class contributed songs and recitations. The older girls gave a musical drill, and three singing games were played. At the conclusion a bag of candies and nuts, and a little gift were given to each The children decorated the room very prettily. Their little fingers are very clever and they have patience to finish a task begun.

Five of my kindergarten pupils began their public school careers this term, and this week the average is twenty-seven, a nice class to handle. I have twenty-three music pupils.'' *—Miss Gertrude Scott.*

Grateful Patients

—Vegreville, Alta.

''We are not so busy as last month. We have two quite bad fractures, and a very sick little girl of two years. Mr. Sherstanki is one of the fracture cases. He has two children in the homes now, and three others have been educated there. Dr. Reid, and I went forty-two miles in the country for him. We rendered first aid out there, and took him to the hospital with us. They are a very nice family, and are all protestants. This is one of the many Ukrainian families the homes have helped. Our wee girlie is a ''R.M.B.'' Hospital baby. She is an only child. Her mother is one of our staunch friends. I hope we will be able to save her baby for her. Last month we had such a sick child for nearly three weeks. I am glad to say it went home quite well. I am hoping this little one will do the same.

Yesterday I got rather a surprise. The husband of a Russian patient we had last year came to see me. His wife had a baby here. She was in for quite a while. She sent us a lovely big turkey for Christmas. He was so pleased to give it to us, and said his wife was so grateful for our care. We often get donations of this kind from our Canadian people. I appreciate this very much coming from one of our Ukrainian friends.''

—*Miss A. L. McPherson.*

The Wedding and Wedding Guests at Amkhut

Amkhut, Central India.

''I know that you are all anxious to hear about the 'Wedding day in Amkhut.' It really was a very pretty occasion and everybody enjoyed it and rose to the occasion so beautifully that we were more than glad for all the effort we had made to have it a success. The bride and groom did their duty nobly by looking as handsome as any couple could look.

We persuaded the Jhansi visitors to stay with us over Sunday and gave them quite a busy time. On Friday they visited some Bhil houses in the morning, the school in the afternoon and then took a run down to Rajpur. They had brought their car so there was room for us all to go. On Saturday we went over to Mendha and on Monday they started off early for Jobat and the return trip to Jhansi.

I am enjoying my car greatly. I thought I would never get courage to drive over our bad roads but I have driven over the whole way now from Rajpur to Amkhut, both the straight way and by way of Sardi too and I don't believe there is anything more in the way of twists and rocks and grades and sandy river beds to take examinations on. Miss Williamson has started to drive, too, on the good road, and is going to make a splendid driver.''

—*Miss Bertha W. Robson.*

Chinese Celebrations

Taihoku, Formosa.

''We are very busy in the hospital as we have still a number of typhoid cases.

The night before last we witnessed a Chinese family celebrating the first anniversary of their mother's death. They had a table decorated with paper festoons and colored candles. On this was placed wine, meat, including a small pig, fruit, and cakes. They also had a large paper house gaily decked and fitted up with every comfort and luxury for the use of the soul in the next world. There was also a band with their gongs and drums and they burned a large quantity of paper money. They had two priests who spent about thirty-six hours in going through their various rites. About four a.m. on the second day of the celebration they burned the paper house and held their feast amid a great noise when the soul was returning to its home. They seldom cease wailing to the spirits to return, during the observance of the rites.

During the last three weeks the churches at Soren and Daitotei have held evangelistic meetings every night. Miss Senior, Miss Adams and I were present at a number of them. I did wish that I could have understood what was said. Miss Senior told us that all the speakers were very good. The people listened most attentively and quite a number were present.'' —*Miss J. M. Cummings.*

Easter Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father and Helper of human hearts, we lift our thoughts to Thee in adoration and praise. Humbly we thank Thee for all Thy goodness unto Thy children. Gifts manifold hast Thou showered upon us. We thank Thee for rain and sunshine, for winter's snow and summer's harvests. Above all, at this time, we thank Thee for the glad awakening of the springtime. As Thou dost call forth the bud and the flower wilt Thou bring into blossom also in our hearts and lives pure thoughts and kindly deeds done in Thy name. We thank Thee that Thou hast sent Thy Son, and for the power of His Resurrection. Teach us the joy of the Risen Life and the hope of Immortality. As Thy Messenger bade Mary ''Go tell'' the story of the Risen Lord, may we be enabled more and more to pass on this glorious message to mankind that all may know of Thee and Thy power. Pour out Thy blessing on our Church and Society as they carry out the command of the ascended Lord. Give tongues of fire, and healing touch to Thine ambassadors, and may the glad news of Thy gospel reach souls throughout the whole world. Give strength and power to all missionaries in every land. We thank Thee that as women of old brought spices, so to-day throughout our Church those who love Thee have brought gifts to carry Thy gospel to the ends of the earth. Impress upon every heart the passion, suffering and glorious rising of Thy Son, our Saviour. We thank Thee that Thy presence dost go before each of us into Galilee and unto the end of the world. as long as life shall last. Forgive our sins and give to each of us life eternal. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for March

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 105). *Scripture Reading*—Matt. 28: 1-20. *Hymn*—"Rejoice The Lord is King." *Reading*—"An Easter Message," (*Glad Tidings*, p. 83). *Minutes. Business. Roll call. Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Chapter XI—"The India Way." *Hymn*—"The Strife is O'er the Battle Won." *Closing Prayer.*

Suggestions:—Ask the leader to give an introductory talk on India, touching briefly on the country; the obstacles to missionary endeavor; the early Christian missionaries; the establishment of mission work in India by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Ask one member to tell the story of the Gwalior mission. Describe the visit of the Assembly's Commission (April and May *Glad Tidings*, 1928). Pass pictures of Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie and the members of the staff at Jhansi. Appoint another member to tell the story of the Bhil field; the gavel (*Royal Road*, p. 147); the visit of the Assembly's Commission. Use lantern slides if possible, or show pictures found in the *Glad Tidings*. References: Leaflet "What I have learned about Amkhut," price 5c., and back numbers of *Glad Tidings*.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

A Wild Animal Invades the School

Jhansi, India.

"The wild animals are suffering for lack of water and grass. Last night we took Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and children out to the Hawtins and when I returned the servants had a very exciting tale to tell. It seems an Indian badger, a small but rather vicious animal, got into the house. It scattered things around considerably before they could get it out but did no serious damage. To-day the bearer is very particular about closing doors. They are all so afraid of everything and he no doubt was badly frightened. With the exception of broken ink wells and water pots, everything is ship shape again.

"The school work is progressing. A new teacher came to-day. She is unmarried so will live with the girls and thus lessen the responsibility of the matron, Mankibai.

"We have thirty-seven on the roll now. I think we will have a number from outside points next year. Already I have had an application for two girls from Cawnpore and hope that our number will be increased to at least fifty boarders before this time next year, which will be almost double our present number."

—*Miss Irene Stringer.*

Our Youngest Member

SUNDAY, October 28th, was a very special one for the girls of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, for were not girls chosen to usher worshippers to their pews, and take up the offering, and their own Girls' Work Secretary to give the address? Shortly before eleven o'clock a young father and mother arrived from out of town and made their way to the vestry. They had brought their infant daughter for baptism. Dr. Ross explained that although it was a girls' service, it would be quite in keeping to have the Sacrament of Baptism observed after the opening service of worship.

As the parents came forward the babe caught sight of the girls in their white middies occupying the centre pews, and as the service proceeded she turned about in her father's arms, waving, smiling and cooing to them.

In addressing the parents, Dr. Ross made mention of the fact that she was a Canadian girl in training, and in a few more years he hoped that she would be one of a group of girls worshipping in a similar way to the girls of to-day.

At their regular C.G.I.T. meeting the following week, the girls talked of the service, and of the golden haired babe. They wondered what they could do to mark the occasion. Could they not make her a Life Member of their group? That was impossible, but some one had a happy thought, and as a result they made her a Junior Member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Affiliated Groups:—

Alberta: The Leawana C.G.I.T., and the Wauneita C.G.I.T., First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton.

Ontario: Hearts of Oak, St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon.

Quebec: Canary Club, Presbyterian Church, Montreal West; Watanopa and Iyega Groups, Campbell Memorial Church, Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal; Silver Band C.G.I.T., Stanley Church, Westmount.

Young Pilgrims on the roadway of the year, pause this Eastertide to build high your altar of worship on Calvary's sacred summit!

MISSION BANDS

EASTER PROGRAMME

Hymn—''Jesus Christ is Risen To-day.'' *Scripture Lesson*—Matt. 28: 1-20. *Hymn*—''I think when I read That Sweet Story of Old.'' *Offering. Dialogue*—''The Easter Story.'' *Hymn*—''Tell me the Stories of Jesus.'' *Prayer.*

The Easter Story

Dialogue

CHARACTERS—*Mother*: This part may be taken by the leader. *Alice*: a girl; and *David*: a boy. Pictures should be used of: The Nativity; The Sermon on the Mount; Christ Blessing the Little Children; Healing the Sick; The Crucifixion, and the Resurrection.

Alice and David seat themselves on a couch or a bench as though at home in the evening. A small bell or triangle sounds seven times, like a clock striking seven.

ALICE: Mother, it's time for stories.

Mother enters, carrying some papers in her hand.

MOTHER: Yes, dear, here I am.

DAVID (*trying to peek*): What are they—pictures?

MOTHER: Oh, but you will have to wait; they are part of the story, David. No peeking ahead of time.

MOTHER: It's a true story, and one you have heard before. But I am going to tell it to you in a little different way. You know, at the end of a story, you both always decide which part you liked the best. This story has a number of parts to it, and at the end we shall see which we think is the best part.

It's about a King. The first time anyone saw this King was on a starry night, when angels appeared in the sky and told shepherds to go to a stable not far away, where a little baby had been born. (*Mother puts up the picture of the Nativity.*) They went quickly, and when they saw the Baby they fell down on their knees, for they knew that even though He was born in a stable, He was to be a great King.

ALICE: Mother, I think this very beginning is going to be the best part of the story.

MOTHER: It is a beautiful part. The Baby's mother and father were glad when He was born. They called Him Jesus. The angels singing in heaven were glad; the shepherds and the wise men who followed the Star, were all glad when they saw Him. Many people were glad, for they had waited years and years for this King to come.

But there was one man who was very angry when he heard that Jesus had been born. King Herod was jealous and afraid that this new King would be greater than he, and would take his place. He determined to kill Him. But the father and mother took the baby and fled from that place, and Herod could not find them.

The Baby grew to be a child, helped His father and mother at home, went to school, learned from everything He saw and did, and so became a young man.

It was time for Him to go out and tell the people about His Kingdom. He went into their churches, or synagogues, as they called them then, and spoke to the people. They loved Him and followed Him in such numbers, that one time He went up on the side of a large hill, so the crowds of people could sit around Him and listen. (*Mother shows picture of Sermon on the Mount*). He told them that His Kingdom was the Kingdom of Heaven, and that the people who belonged to it were those who believed in Him and who had love in their hearts. That day on the hillside He taught them to pray that more and more people would learn of this Kingdom of Love. He taught them to pray the Lord's Prayer in which we say, ''Thy Kingdom come.''

Jesus talked to people every day. One time when numbers of them gathered around Him, some little children came near and wanted Him to bless them. (*Mother shows picture of Christ Blessing Little Children.*) A few friends of Jesus started to push them away, telling them not to bother Him. But Jesus took the little children in His arms and said He wanted them to come, that they, too, belonged to the Kingdom of Heaven.

ALICE: That's a nice part of the story, Mother.

MOTHER: So often Jesus saw people who were unhappy, who could not see, and who were sick. These people came to Jesus for help, and while others looked on in great wonder, He opened the eyes of the blind, made the lame people walk, and healed the diseases of all those who were sick. (*Mother shows picture of Christ Healing the Sick.*) The people standing by were astounded.

DAVID: Jesus was a wonderful man, wasn't He, Mother? That's the part of the story I like.

MOTHER: But wait till we have heard it all. When Jesus healed the sick people He always told them that just as He was able to open their eyes and heal their bodies, He had come to earth to open their hearts, to take away all sin from them, to cleanse and heal them, so that they would be fit to dwell in the Kingdom of Love.

All the while Jesus was helping the people and teaching them, there were some high officials, wicked leaders of the people, who were hating Jesus for taking away their power. They did not want His Kingdom to come, and thought that if they could kill Him, that would end it. So they plotted and planned how they could have Jesus killed. They brought Him into court, and said He had done things which were against the law, and they sent out men to tell all the people untrue stories about Jesus. These made many of the people turn against Him, and finally, one Friday, they took Jesus up on a hill, and crucified Him. (*Mother shows picture of The Crucifixion.*) All this time Jesus showed that His Kingdom was a Kingdom of Love, for just before He died He forgave His enemies. And so this great King died. Just at this time a terrible storm arose, lightning flashed, thunder roared, while the earth shook. With heavy hearts, the friends of Jesus, those who trusted and loved Him still, went to their homes and wept. Their King had died—and what had become of the Kingdom of Heaven? Was that lost? Would every one die just as the King had died, and would that be the end of everything?

All the next day, Jesus' friends wept and grieved. The whole earth seemed to grieve, for the day was gray and clouded.

Early the next morning, Sunday morning, the sun was rising. It was so golden and bright, it seemed like a new sun. Birds flew around in the golden glow, singing new songs, and flowers awoke everywhere. Down through the gardens came Jesus' mother and a few others to visit the place where Jesus was buried. When they came to the place, they stopped in amazement, for the stone of the tomb was rolled away, and they saw a radiant angel sitting near the doorway. (*Mother shows picture of The Resurrection.*) The angel spoke to them saying, "Be not afraid. Ye seek Jesus. But He is not here. He is risen." And there a little way off in the garden they saw Jesus, their King, and fell down at His feet in great joy and in worship. That first Easter was the most joyful day the earth has ever known. The King had risen. He told them that the Kingdom of Heaven could not die, that it was in their hearts, in every Christian's heart; and that just as He had awakened Himself from death, He would awaken each one of His children, to live all together in the Kingdom of Love. He told them that He was going to ascend into Heaven, but that He was living, that He would be with them always, and that they should tell every one in every land about the Kingdom of Love.

ALICE (*after a moment of silence*): Oh, Mother, I think the Easter message is the best part of the story!

DAVID: I think so, too.

MOTHER: I am very sure it is.

From the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America.

A Sleighless Sleigh Ride

MISS OLIVE ROSS

I KNOW all the little children of the various Mission Bands will be anxious to know how the children in this part of the world enjoyed their Christmas party. I was very fortunate, this year, in being able to help the teachers prepare the children for their school entertainment by playing and in this way got to know them all better, and they were always delighted when the days for practising their songs and drills arrived. Someone kindly loaned us a folding organ and we kept it in the school until the practices were over. Some of the children have very sweet voices, and it was lovely to hear them singing so merrily.

We had most delightful weather up to the New Year, each day so fine, we thought it could not possibly last much longer. However, we were disappointed in that respect, and as so many of you wonderful little workers had sent in so many beautiful toys, games, scarves, sweaters, dolls, books, and ever so many more nice things space will not permit me to mention, and with the hope of our fine weather continuing, I set the date for the party for Saturday, Dec. 22nd. I engaged a man to take them for a sleigh drive, for it is the only one they have during the season, and everything looked very promising, but alas! it rained the night before and the man came over the next morning and informed me that the roads were so slippery and not having a blacksmith here to shoe the horses, he would have to use his motor truck instead. I believe the little children enjoyed this almost as much, for he decorated it with huge bells and they sang lustily and cheered for three and a half miles, so I think they really enjoyed themselves. By the time they reached Waterways the man turned round to see if they had all got off, for they were all tired out and giving their voices a rest. We heard them presently coming up the road, their voices had come back, and I hastened to have everything ready to make them welcome. I made up individual lunches and wrapped them in paper table napkins, had long tables prepared in the hall, and the older girls assisted in serving the cocoa, after which I had the pleasure of distributing the many beautiful gifts you all so kindly sent. There were so many varieties, I could suit the individual taste. I had prepared for sixty and fifty-five were present, and it was such a beautiful spring-like day I did not have to worry about the comfort of the little ones. Before they started on their drive, they were each given an orange. I heard afterwards how much they enjoyed themselves, and it was whispered to me, that they always get nice things from the Lady Santa Claus. So thanks to you all for your kindness in enabling me to make these dear little children happy at this season of the year.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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ALBERTA Provincial again has gone "over the top" with receipts for the year of $5,226.59, which includes $2,819.46 from Calgary; $1,619.14 from Edmonton, $637.50 from Red Deer and $100.00 for a Bible woman in India. The total expenditure was $5,042.88.

Miss Laura Pelton arrived in Edmonton February 1st, to give a series of lectures in the city churches.

At Vegreville School Homes, each pupil has certain daily duties to perform. The study period—except Friday—is from 7.30 until 10.00, and is supervised by Rev. A. Robertson (boys) and Miss McKee (girls). At 10.00 the boys are given coffee and bread and butter. In the lower dormitory they must be in bed, lights out and tongues quiet, at 10.30; in the upper dormitory, at 10.45. Out of a class of 34 in Grade 10, Martha Wakovichuk, 15, stood 1st in the Christmas examinations; Mary Ropchan, 16, was 6th, and Pearl Myroniuk, 17, was 8th. In Grade 12—five in class—Stephen Dorda, 18, was 3rd, while in Grade 11—class of 21—Willie Ropchan was 9th. There are 24 boys and 20 girls in residence. Rev. A. Robertson conducts two Sunday services which all the pupils attend. Sunday School and Bible class are held Sunday afternoon.

North Hill, Calgary, W.M. Auxiliary ended 1928 with 19 members, and 20 Home Helpers. $141.50 was sent to Presbyterial Treasurer. Study was letters from workers in *Glad Tidings* and *The Royal Road.*

Buchanan Y.W. Auxiliary, 15 members, sent $15.00 to Presbyterial Treasurer, $5.00 to M.B., and infants' outfit, value $13.00, to Presbyterial Supply Secretary. Studied lives of missionaries, and had 6 weeks' course of lectures by Miss Pelton.

Little Builders M.B., 21 members sent $13.23 to Presbyterial Treasurer, and parcel of books, puzzles and texts to Supply Secretary. Studied "Little Light Bearers."

Vermilion M.B. re-organized in December with 14 members, is working with enthusiasm. The Auxiliary raised last year, $44.00, besides expenses of delegates to Presbyterial. 125 pounds of literature was sent out, and the sick in homes and hospitals visited. The Ladies' Aid paid for twenty subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* for the W.M. Auxiliary.

Westmount, Edmonton, had the annual prayer meeting of Edmonton Presbyterial, January 11. There was a good attendance and a good programme, including an address on Stewardship, by Mrs. McQueen.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. WM. CUTHBERT, 1820-5TH AVE. WEST, VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the annual meeting of the Fairview Auxiliary in January, an encouraging report of the year's work was given. The executive committee met later and outlined programmes for six months, one feature in this being the introduction of a short note of some phase of work taken from the *Glad Tidings* each month, and special prayer offered on its behalf.

December 20th the Presbyterian Chinese gave a Christmas entertainment which displayed a good deal of talent. All the Sunday School took part, from the tiny tots who sang in Chinese and English, up to the older pupils. A play given in Chinese provoked much mirth.

Much regret was felt at the departure of Miss Lawrence from the Chinese work on December 30th. She was made the recipient of two beautiful Chinese gifts from her little pupils and Chinese friends.

The ''Ephraim Scott'' Mission Band recently gave an entertainment which was much enjoyed by the fathers and mothers who attended. A Junior Membership was presented to Isabelle Bennet, and a prize in recognition of good attendance was given to each member, Mrs. Hyndman made the presentations.

The Provincial Board met in Central Church, January 11th. An invitation to hold the Annual Meeting of this board in Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church was received and accepted. A shower given by various Auxiliaries completely furnished the Chinese Presbyterian Manse. The furniture, which is plain and good is, of course, the property of the church. Mr. Yeung and his family are much pleased with their new home and we now look forward to the time when we will have a church building. There is no church made more use of than the Chinese church, as it is also a day school.

Correction.—A Life Membership Certificate attributed to Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, should have been Mr. G. W. Ledingham, who, we are told is the first gentleman in British Columbia to possess such a certificate.

Victoria.—A Christmas parcel of children's clothing, toys, cards and novelties, made by the Chinese W.M.S. Auxiliary and Sunday School class, was sent to Miss Olive Ross for distribution among the children at Fort McMurray.

Victoria Presbyterial held its annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, December 28th. There was a full attendance. All the officers were re-elected. The allocations for the year have been practically met, and work is resumed with the enthusiasm that follows hearts encouraged and blessed.

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MRS. GEO. S. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, ACTING PRESS SEC'Y.

MRS. LONG, of Winnipeg, spoke at the January meeting of the Stonewall Auxiliary, reading several letters from our Indian Schools and telling of the work being done there.

A letter was received by Mrs. A. G. McDonald, who is in Victoria for the winter, from Rolling River Reserve, Basswood, thanking her for kindnesses. They reported a successful December meeting, with an attendance of sixteen women and the children. The Auxiliary has a membership of nine who give good contributions. A cooking lesson was given at the close of the meeting by Mrs. C. E. Crump, who showed them how to roast an apple. Only one women knew how and they were all delighted when they received a cup of tea, bread and butter with the apple. Practising for the Christmas concert was begun, small tots six years old being taught little pieces in English. It seemed like pioneer days when the letter mentioned driving eighteen miles in a buggy to see a new baby. They could not cross the river and had to go seven miles around to the bridge.

The Heather Club of First Church, Brandon, recently presented Mrs. G. W. Ferguson with a Life Membership in the W.M.S.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the Norwood W.M.S., in November, which was addressed by Rev. W. M. MacKay, synodical missionary, a Life Membership was given and a pin presented to Mrs. G. Laurie, President of the Society.

The annual meeting of the W.M.S. of St. John's Church, Winnipeg, was held recently at the home of Mrs. A. Polson. Reports were encouraging and the allocation exceeded.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of Knox Church, Selkirk, was held in the church and was largely attended. The special feature was an address by Rev. W. M. MacKay, who spoke on the reconstruction work of the church in Northern Ontario, saying that the growth of the church there during the past three years has been wonderful. He spoke of the splendid work being done by the W.M.S. and how the branches of the Society in many places had taken hold of the work of re-establishment, for which he wished to convey his appreciation. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. H. Fraser and Mrs. George Lane.

The annual meeting of the W.M.S. of Calvin Church, Winnipeg, was held December 11th, at the home of Mrs. McLeod.

ONTARIO

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THE Presbyterian day of prayer was observed in all parts of the province on January 11th. The programme prepared for the occasion by the General Interests Secretary was reverently followed and, in some instances, used for the monthly meeting of Auxiliaries when it was not thought advisable to undertake an extra service. At one service there was added a prayer, which had been written by an aged member, who was unable to be present. A faithful elderly member of the Lindsay Auxiliary began the service at home at the hour announced and followed it all through even singing the hymns—only the address was missing. Thus in city and in country, at church and at home, all loyally "kept the day."

Chatham P.S.—The attendance at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, January 18th and 19th, was lessened by the prevalence of influenza. Steady growth was shown by all reports, the allocation having been exceeded by $651.21. The retiring Presidents, Mrs. Charles Scott and Mrs. H. M. Paulin were presented with Honorary Membership certificates. The special speakers were, Miss Pelton and Miss MacMurchy.

Huron P.S.—The departmental reports presented at the meeting of the Huron Presbyterial, in Clinton, on January 8th, denoted progress. The allocation was exceeded by $252.80, of which $133.00 was contributed by the 20 members of Bayfield Auxiliary, which is without a church home. Blyth, which also worships in a hall, has 31 members. Hensall members were congratulated on the completion of their church, and the retiring Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. D. Fair, was made Hon. President.

Hamilton P.S.—The fifteenth annual meeting was held in Knox Church, St. Catharines, January 22nd and 23rd. As this was the Golden Jubilee—fifty years since the first meeting, January 21st, 1879, in the school-room of Central Church—a backward look was taken in a paper by Mrs. D. G. MacGregor, of Hamilton. The origin and growth of the Society were traced from the minutes of those early days. The allocation was exceeded by $700.00. An Honorary Membership certificate was presented to Miss J. Shaw, Magazine Secretary for twenty-five years. Addresses were delivered by Rev. D. MacOdrum, of Brockville, and Miss W. Ferguson, Superintendent of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

Peterborough P.S.—In spite of the prevailing epidemic of influenza, the meeting of the executive of Peterborough Presbyterial in St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, was well attended. Progress was reported by all departments.

Saugeen P.S.—Representatives from all the Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial met in Knox Church, Palmerston, January 15th. The allocation was exceeded by fifteen per cent. Knox Church Mission Band of Dayton—less than two years old—was presented with the Banner.

Stratford P.S. held its annual meeting on January 15th. Attendance, representative; reports, encouraging; interest, growing; givings, large. An Honorary Life Membership was presented to the President, Mrs. James Erskine, and Miss Margaret Tier, of Calgary, was the speaker.

Toronto P.S.—The annual meeting of Toronto Presbyterial was held on January 24th and 25th in Victoria Church, Toronto. Increased membership, an exceeded allocation; an ever-widening and deepening influence. Miss Lamont spoke of her work, and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll's address was specially helpful to teen-age girls. Other speakers were Rev. J. Mustard, Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Rev. H. E. Abraham and Rev. D. MacOdrum, of Brockville.

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Quebec P.S.—The Junior Mission Band of Quebec city have done splendid work. They have 7 teachers and report 11 regular and 6 executive meetings. An Easter party and a Hallowe'en sale added substantially to their funds. Prizes were given to 5 members for perfect attendance and to 5 others who were absent only once. A great deal of work was sent to Miss Macarthur's cupboard in Montreal and many Christmas parcels were distributed. Two boxes of toys were sent to British Guiana for Christmas. A birthday memorial was given by a lady in memory of her daughter.

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Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—The W.M.S. of St. James Presbyterian Church, Melfort, has been organized since November 30th, 1927. A very encouraging report of this Society's work was read at the annual meeting, December 14th, 1928.

Regina P.S. held its annual meeting on January 17th, in First Presbyterian Church, Regina. The President, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions. Encouraging reports of the year's work were read by the secretaries of the various departments. Total givings exceeded those of the previous year. A beloved and remarkable visitor attended in the person of Mrs. Anna Ross, of Strassburg. Mrs. Ross spoke at both morning and afternoon sessions, her message was most helpful and will live for many years to come in the minds of those who were privileged to hear her. A splendid programme was prepared for the evening session, this included an organ recital, solos, and a very fine address on Missions, by Rev. S. Farley, minister of the Church, who also brought greetings from the Presbytery and Synod.

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Corrections.—December *Glad Tidings*—**Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.**—should read Miss Mary Harkley, by her mother, Mrs. Harkley, Walkerton; **Barrie P.S.**—Miss Jessie McLellan should read Miss Elizabeth McLennan, Allandale Aux.; **Peterborough P.S.**—should read Mrs. Jas. Wilson, a Life Member, instead of Miss C. McNiel who has been a Life Member for twenty years, Keene Aux.

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Refund on Lantern Slides	543.66
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Receipts	87,109.38	
Disbursements		$17,974.61
Bank Balance		2,412.00
Pension Fund		4,872.71
Legacy Fund		4,353.97
Sustaining Fund		37,659.68
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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

A VISITOR whom our Church delighted to welcome to Toronto was the Rev. Charles Allen Clark, D.D., of Korea, an outstanding missionary of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and a noted educationist. Dr. Clark, who has been twenty-seven years in Korea, is Professor of Practical Theology in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Peng Yang, and, in addition, has supervision of twenty-four churches. During his brief stay he spoke in St. Andrew's, Knox and St. John's Presbyterian Churches, and addressed the Board of Missions and Knox College students. The picture he drew was of a little country, no larger than Minnesota, with a population three times that of Canada. Forty-five years ago the Presbyterian Church entered Korea. It was virgin soil. To-day there are 3,000 churches; two-thirds of all the work is Presbyterian; half of the work is in connection with the Northern Church, U.S.A., and the Christians number 300,000. By means of Bible classes and Bible institutes, they have trained the whole church from the beginning. The people believe in the Bible, everyone is studying the Bible, and family worship is general. Now they are concentrating on Sunday School work. Everyone goes to Sunday School, men, women and children, each at different hours in the forenoon. The Church is self-propagating, self-supporting and self-governing, and is now sending forth foreign missionaries to Manchuria, Japan and Shangtung.

There are 400,000 Koreans in Japan, and Dr. Clark believes it is quite possible that our Church may have a larger work among the Koreans in Japan, than if we had continued in Korea, and his hope is that we will be just as proud of our Church in Japan as they are of their Church in Korea.

To this work our Church has already sent Rev. Luther and Mrs. Young, and our W.M.S., Miss Jean C. MacLean.

''THREE KNOCKS IN THE NIGHT'' by Mrs. E. C. Cronk, was brought vividly to mind by the recent visit to Canada of Dr. Ida S. Scudder. We all know the story, how her grandfather, Dr. John Scudder, one of New York's prominent and wealthy physicians, read ''The Call of Six Hundred Millions'', as he waited on a patient in New York City and was drawn to give his life in self-spending ministration, and blazed a trail of light through India's darkness, and never since he set the light ashining has there been a day when there was no Scudder in India to bear the torch onward. One by one they returned to the United States to be educated and one by one they heard the call to return. Seven of his children and fifteen of his grandchildren have gone back to India.

As we listened to Dr. Ida Scudder as she told the story of her work to a large gathering of women, representing Mission Boards of the different denominations, and looked at the sweet-faced woman, with her crown of silver white hair, we were glad that the young girl who so vehemently declared that she would not return to India was not disobedient to the remarkable call that came to her to become a medical missionary. That was twenty-seven years ago, and since then great changes have taken place. At that time there was no hospital in Vellore, so Dr. Scudder opened work in a little room in her parents' home. The crowds grew. Her mother gave up her guest room—a hardship in a place where there was no hotel. Later Dr. Scudder took charge of the hospital of the Woman's Board of the Reformed Church, and out of that hospital came the Vellore Medical School which is international and interdenominational. To-day it has 83 medical students, the majority are Christian girls from their own schools. All the work is done in English as the girls represent seven different languages. On the staff are 8 doctors from Europe and America, 2 Indian doctors, 2 trained superintendents of nurses, 48 Indian nurses under training, 3 internes, 3 dispensaries. In the ten years of its existence, the school has graduated 95 doctors, 41 are in mission hospitals, 40 in government service. 6 in private practice.

Dr. Scudder feels that India's educated Christian women will do for India what American women are doing for their country. There is no hope for child brides and widows except through the gospel. In India there are over two million widows under five years and fourteen million under ten years.

To illustrate the capability of the graduates, she cited an instance of one of their doctors who went to a dispensary to the south. A case was brought in which demanded a Cæsarean operation. An injury to his hand prevented the hospital doctor from operating, and he asked the Indian doctor to undertake it. While scrubbing her hands she prayed and prayed, and went into the operating room without a tremor. She was so small she had to stand on a stool to reach the patient, but she performed the operation and saved the mother, and the Brahmin baby was named after the Christian doctor. Shortly before this, a Brahmin had said, ''What is it about your little Christian doctor that is changing the whole atmosphere of this village?'' Dr. Scudder's answer was: ''It is the spirit of Jesus Christ, and it is permeating all that part of India.''

Miss K. N. Brockway, of St. Christopher Training School for Women Teachers, Madras, India, was an honored visitor at the Council Executive, on March 5th. Ten years ago Miss Brockway went to India to spend two years in the Women's Christian College, Madras, and take the work of two lecturers during their furlough. But India won her heart and she decided to remain there.

The Women's Christian College was opened in 1915. It was one of the first great union ventures and has the support of eleven missionary Boards, six in Britain and five in the U.S.A., Miss Eleanor MacDougall, a remarkable woman and distinguished scholar being the Principal. Girls from all the different mission schools in South India attend this college which has as its motto ''Lighted to Lighten.'' As time passed the need for a training college for women teachers became generally recognized, and in 1922, it was started with seventeen students. That number has now increased to seventy. It is supported by four boards in the United States: Lutheran, Dutch Reformed, Methodist and Congregational, and four in Britain, thus making it national and interdenominational. There are three women on the staff, one is, English, one Indian, the third American. The aim of the school is to send forth Indian women as teachers to their own people, for the future of the women of India depends to an almost incredible degree upon the educated Indian women of to-day. The members of the staff have tried to give their best to their students, but it is the Western best, and feeling that these girls should learn about their own country and its traditions and get in touch with the lives of the people, they sent their best pupil, Miss Eipe, to Annesley Hall, Toronto, to take a post-graduate course in household science at the University of Toronto. On her return to India she will teach her own people. The members of the staff have tried to place before the students the great value of friendship. They have girls speaking five to seven different languages, girls with B.A. degrees and high school girls, and they have tried to live near them all. They called the college ''St. Christopher'' after the beautiful story of that name and because they felt that service to children is service to God.

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At the close of the meeting the members and visitors repaired to the Deaconess Training Home where as guests of the Superintendent, Miss Ferguson, they had the opportunity of meeting the distinguished missionary leader and her hostess, Miss Addison, Dean of Annesley Hall, Miss Eipe, the Indian student, and our deaconesses and missionaries to be.

MRS. INDUK P. KIM, one of the leaders of the Youth Movement in Korea and a most charming representative of the Korean Churches, and at present connected with the Student Volunteer Movement, speaking at the Canadian School of Missions, told of the difficulties encountered in ''selling missions,'' notwithstanding the fact that the missionaries are doing so much for world friendship. When asked by students ''why do you impose your religion on others?'' she replied, ''When you have experienced Christ, you cannot sit down and enjoy yourself. You cannot enjoy your Christian life and not share it.''

OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Rev. Donald MacGillivray, D.D., of the Christian Literature Society in Shanghai, who has just completed forty years of work in China. The service he has rendered can never be duplicated; for he was a pioneer. Time alone will reveal the influence his books have had in moulding the life and thought of the people of China. His has been a truly great ministry.

In the ''Link'', which Dr. MacGillivray calls his quarterly letter to the co-operating boards, he tells the story of these forty years and the changes he has seen. ''Our books,'' he says, ''used to be almost all in Wenli, and now they are almost all in the speech of the people. Again our constituency was once limited to the literate, now 'to the poor also the Gospel is preached.' . . . and finally, the work for women and children which was indeed always on our programme from the very beginning has assumed a great prominence.''

The Council Executive of our W.M.S. in a resolution has expressed to Dr. MacGillivray its appreciation of the great work he has accomplished, and his many friends will, we know, join with us in wishing him every blessing to the next mile post and beyond.

MISS SIMPSON, OF JHANSI, INDIA, writes that she has fitted up a room as a dispensary, in what was the electric light plant, before they got power from the city, and spends most of her mornings there. So far there have not been many patients but when people hear of it more will come. Her great desire is to do district work. When she gets the language she hopes to go out to one of the villages where there are more opportunities. Mrs. Hawtin, who is also a trained nurse, told her that one month she kept a record of the patients that came to her for treatment, and they numbered three hundred and sixty. So the need is there.

Recently the school received another orphan from the hospital, a little lad of four, whose parents had died with the flu. His father won the Kaiser-I-Hind medal in the war and they are keeping it for him until he is old enough to know what it means. He will be very proud of it.

IT IS INTERESTING to learn that in Tamsui, a committee of the Formosan W.M.S. decided to ask the wife of one of the missionaries to translate the suggested programme for the World Day of Prayer, and to have duplicate copies made and send them to all the chapels. Their usual day of prayer for the W.M.S. was February 2nd, but they were setting the other date this year. We shall look forward to hearing from Mrs. Koa how the day was observed in that far-off field.

MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD, of Tokyo, whose interest in labor is well known, has had the honor of being asked by the Labor Delegate from Japan to the Labor Conference in Geneva, to go with him as interpreter and general assistance in things European. The delegate is a man greatly respected in Japan, and has come himself from the ranks of labor. Miss Macdonald has decided to go as she feels that this is a real call of God to her to fit herself still further for her work by getting in touch with the international problem in Japan.

THE COUNCIL MEETING will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, May 28th to 31st. Will the members bear this date in mind and hold in special remembrance those who have been charged with the arrangements of this important gathering, and also of the six Provincial meetings. Next month we hope to give an outline of the proposed Council Meeting programme.

A DELIGHTFUL HISTORICAL SKETCH, entitled, ''A Backward Look,'' written by Mrs. D. G. MacGregor, with a foreword by Mrs. McQuesten, has been published by Hamilton Presbyterial Society, in commemoration of its fiftieth anniversary. All who have read it agree that it is a most interesting and valuable contribution, and the Council Executive have expressed the hope that other Presbyterials will follow the example set by Hamilton and send to Miss Margaret Reid, Council Historian, any historical data, so that when a further history of the W.M.S. is written, accurate information will be on hand.

It has been a matter of gratification to the Council Executive that Saskatchewan Provincial Society has a Historian, and would urge that all other Provincials follow the excellent example and forward any material gathered to Miss Reid. The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the W.M.S. has something very worth while to contribute to the centuries' old history of Presbyterianism throughout the world.

''A PAGEANT ON INDIA AND BRITISH GUIANA,'' based on ''Light Bearers'', the study book for little folks for 1928-29, has been prepared for the use of Mission Bands by Mrs. Dill, Mrs. Riddell and Miss Lang, Facts portrayed in this way are not easily forgotten by the children, and we hope the leaders will make good use of this pageant.

Notice of Motion—The Council Executive gives notice of motion for any corrections and additions that may be necessary in the By-laws, the detail of which will be laid before the Council meeting.

Itinerating in Manchuria

MISS ANNA C. A. KOK

MY three co-workers and I have just returned from our itinerating trip. We had chosen a large country market place as centre, my plan being that we would work up that large place for some weeks, then dividing up go to some smaller places, while some would remain in the centre place.

The centre place is called Tsi-lu-shu. The only place we were able to rent there was a kind of barn, which formerly had been used to boil oil out of the famous Manchurian Soy beans. It was larger than many a country church, much higher and certainly much dirtier. The roof black, no ceiling; long streamers of greasy dirt hanging down to decorate our barn-bed-dining-meeting-room; walls black mud; floor ditto, ditto; no furniture to fall over except a small table on three legs. The kang, the one huge bed for the five of us, built along the width of the room, was also of brown hue; the former occupants of the place, when moving out, had struck a big hole in the bed, to allow the spirit of any child, which might have died on that kang, to escape out of the hollow space below it. This was a fine outlet for the smoke and how often we tried to smear it over with mud, one thoughtless step on the weak spot and the smoke poured out again. So at last we took it as belonging to our establishment, with which we had to put up, if we wanted the privilege of doing country work.

Does that smoke puzzle you? I should explain. The stove on which we cook our food lies outside the room. We burn kaoliang stalks, kaoliang growing even higher than corn. The hot smoke is led into the plastered hollow space under the mud bed, heats the bed, proceeding to the chimney, through which it escapes into the air. In our barn, though we absorbed a good deal of it in our bedding, clothes, eyes and lungs before it reached the chimney, still none of us looked the worse for it, for all claimed when we returned, that we had grown fat on our trip. Horrors to the present-day girls at home, but quite a compliment to us Chinese though!

Every night the five of us happily lined up on the kang, each claiming a strip to spread our bedding. In the daytime our bedding is rolled up and put to one side, while we sit on the remaining space, eat on it, write on it, read on it, receive visitors, who quickly slip off their shoes and shove to a warm spot. We preach from it, in fact, we live on that large bed. After a few days one's clothes are showing marks all over, which, in an inexplainable way seem to increase so rapidly, that it would bring many a tidy newcomer into despair. It is just impossible for one to keep clean on such a kang.

Yet we had the best time in every respect. Soon the news had spread through the town that we had arrived and women and girls began to come in large groups, cackling like chickens. Some entered our strange abode, now cheered up by large, bright scripture posters and pictures, with a curious look; others with an expression as if they were prepared for the worst; others again looked around suspiciously, bound to discover and prove the truth of the many strange stories circulated about us foreigners. Others only seemed to come to show us, that we need not expect *them* to run in for our charms so easily: they were determined not to be convinced of the truth. But, praise God, many dear hungry souls came in also, having a ready mind, a prepared heart (perhaps prepared by our mutual prayers) to receive the good seed. One woman told us she was living more than six miles away and as soon as she heard that we had come to preach, she at once went to inquire about our living place. She was so delighted to have found us. Years ago she had met a relative who knew a little about the gospel, but she never had it preached to her. Eagerly she listened when we instructed her to pray. We had to teach her from step to step, to retain in her memory this altogether new vocabulary and thought, as prayer is to those women. Again and again she anxiously repeated: ''And in the end I should say, 'In Jesus' Name,' should not I?'' surely thinking, ''end good, all good.'' In one year's time she had lost her husband and only child and her tears flowed freely when she told about her bereavement, but suddenly her face cleared up and she urgently asked: ''But this faith will comfort and cheer me, won't it?'' We assured her of the wonderful comfort the Lord gives to those who want to be comforted by Him. I was so glad I could speak from experience and not just from hearsay as was the case before I had been afflicted and bereaved myself. Our Lord is always ready as soon as we approach Him for any need.

Many of these women were of the impression that we were sort of ''strays'' or ''wanderers,'' who, having no home or family ties whatever, did not know anything better to do, than to travel around and do some exhorting. It was amusing to see the expression on their faces change when we told them that all of us had homes, although somewhat far away, all had parents, brothers and sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, grandmothers and grandfathers, etc.

That three of us were single, was not so easily explained; although some uttered a kind of admiration for our sacrifice of home and loved ones, not being encumbered with any home-duties. I am almost sure, that many of them are still quite convinced, that our mothers-in-law for some reason or other must have chased us away or that we were too ugly to entice any mother-in-law to buy us.

We had a very interesting time in a smaller country place, where we remained for four days. For one night we were the guests of rich farmers. A crowd of children awaited us, over twenty in number, all belonging to the same family. It was just getting dusk, so before the big folks came to listen, we quickly taught them one or two songs, which they swallowed whole. Then the big folks, neighbors, men and women, gathered in the small room. Two of the elder sons were Christians. One of them exhorted the women, (who as usual had started one of their old chatting games), that this time we had come to preach and as the opportunity was short and rare, they should stop their gossip and all listen. Imagine, husbands exhorting their wives, sisters-in-law, etc., in our land in such a fashion. I fear, the man better get out his storm-cap or, as the Dutch say it, put up his umbrella. No fear with us in China though. They all listened wonderfully well, thanks to the exhortation. When Miss Pai and I had preached, the two Christians gave a sort of testimony and after that the people still did not make a move. We said if they were not tired of listening, that we would tell them some more. This met with hearty approval of all and over we started again. The story grew new to myself as I was preaching and the Lord brought real earnestness upon the listeners.

It was growing late and the outsiders went home. Then the women took their opportunity and enjoyed their chat, for which they had been aching all the time during the preaching. They questioned us to their heart's content on the most possible and impossible subjects. One of the two Christian men in the family of over thirty members, having so little opportunity for instruction, made up quite a list of scripture passages, which were not clear to him, and when he thought the women had chatted enough, he kindly asked us to explain them to him, making many excuses for the late hour and tiring us out. We were only too glad for the proof of his interest in God's word, so tried to clear some of his difficulties to the best of our ability.

At last time for retiring came. The nice, healthy-looking girls all withdrew into their several rooms, to my great regret. I had so hoped to get an opportunity to sleep with them on the same kang. But a greater honor was prepared for us! We and a twelve-year old grandson, who was sickly, were to share the old grandmother's kang. The old mother was seventy-four, we had come from far and must be tired, the sick boy had a leg covered with open sores, three special reasons why we four had to occupy the best and hottest kang of the house.

The heat that night was suffocating and I slept little, in spite of the dear people's good intentions. Before retiring the old mother beside me, felt uncomfortable. She declared emphatically that several, many-legged visitors had been bothering her all day, so one of the young girls had to come and give the many layers of jackets a good search by the smoking oil lamp, *Helas!* without result. How would some of my young readers like such a test of filial piety? The lovely young girl with her beautiful black hair and rosy cheeks, acquitted herself of the task in an admirable fashion; she was just as kind and patient to the old, blind lady as you would have been to your lovely little baby sister, if your mother had asked you, to just run and see if baby was covered up well in her spotless white little bed.

But the old lady was not satisfied, she knew better, and ordering a child to hand her a big broom, she vigorously began to brush out all her clothes, gave them a good shaking, and flung them at my foot-end. I could not help but laugh when I felt the heavy pile land on my feet, because I had expected it to happen. With sympathy I thought of any newcomer to China, for whom in most cases a little experience like this must be a serious test. She would find it difficult not to show resentment. ''His grace is sufficient'', also for a case like this. I am sure the women (for in the meantime several had gathered to witness the performance) must have thought that this was no strange scene to me at all, but only a pleasant reminder of my own young days, when I helped grandmother to bed!

Well, dear friends, I am sure you have borne with me and my story to the limit of your patience. I still could tell you some funny incidents of our cart rides in the country. Those carts, without springs, drawn by three to seven mules, ride so smoothly that one of my helpers, who sat at the front of the open cart at one place tumbled right off as a ball, arms and legs in the air. He rolled into a pond—which happily was frozen. One has a feeling of being pushed and poked in a merciless way, feeling sore all over for a few days after. Still the driver was delighted at how good the roads were after the frost, and, of course, I thought so too!

Welcome and Welfare

MRS. C. W. MCMULLEN

AS the season advances we are reminded of the many newcomers who will shortly be arriving, coming to this country to make their future homes and establish themselves wherever opportunity may be found.

Some of these will seek out the Church and at once become part of our community and citizenship. Many others will wait until an invitation is given, a welcome extended, some friendliness shown, some kindly attraction presented, or some practical effort made to win for the Church in Canada this large contribution which is already at our doors.

Every organization and department of our Women's Missionary Society is working with the one aim and purpose, ''The World for Christ.'' To those of us who are not called to overseas service on far distant fields is committed this task of the Welcome and Welfare of newcomers, strangers within our gates, needy ones, lonely hearts, backward, timid, careless or indifferent ones who need only the warm touch of friendship and kindly interest given in the name of Him who is a Friend to all.

In the next few months our workers will be in attendance at the docks and stations early and late. Most of the ships arrive early in the morning and a representative of our Church is on hand ready to assist wherever possible, answering questions, directing, helping those with children, caring for any who may be ill after the journey, assisting young women travelling alone, advising all of our Church and urging them to make themselves known to the nearest minister as soon as they are located and settled, for it is just here that so many lose touch and drift into carelessness from which they are not easily aroused.

In addition to the port chaplains appointed by our Church, the W.M.S. has port and station workers at the following points:

At Halifax, Miss Lena Fraser, port worker, under the Eastern Division, is on duty all through the year.

At Quebec, under the Western Division, Miss R. R. Scott is engaged all year. Miss Lily Macarthur is also at Quebec during the summer months and will, this year, have the assistance of Miss Beatrice Bernath, a student deaconess. Miss Bernath speaks Hungarian as well as English and will be needed often as an interpreter among her own people.

In Montreal, Miss Iris Munro has a yearly appointment and will be assisted during the summer months by Miss Mamie Todd, student deaconess.

In Toronto, we have no station worker. Volunteers from our W.M.S. assist the Government conductresses in meeting young women coming to the Canadian Women's Hostel, where Miss Duff, the Hostel Superintendent, kindly co-operates with our Toronto Secretary by promptly forwarding names of all Presbyterian girls who register there.

In Winnipeg, Mrs. Jean Howey, deaconess at large, co-operates with Rev. D. G. Graham, port chaplain under our Church.

In Vancouver, Mrs. J. F. McLean is assigned the Welcome and Welfare work in addition to duties of deaconess at large.

During the summer months the W.M.S. intend having a station worker at Saskatoon and Regina.

METHOD OF WORKING

The system followed has been the securing as soon as possible from the ships' passenger lists, all Presbyterian names and sending these to the Welcome and Welfare Secretary or worker nearest to where they are located, the Eastern Division being responsible for the forwarding of names to points east and the Western Division to Montreal and all points west.

Wherever possible names and addresses are verified by the worker making the first call and reporting to the minister of the nearest Church. This means a great saving of the minister's time as many of the addresses are found to be incorrect. Carelessness and unfamiliarity with city street names is largely the cause of these wrong addresses.

The ships' passenger lists are open to all workers of every denomination.

The W.M.S. has published for the use of workers a Welcome and Welfare leaflet which may be sent to families who have settled in a district where there is no Presbyterian Church or Sabbath School within easy distance. This leaflet contains a welcome to the province, an invitation to Church membership, where possible, and an offer of free literature and Sunday School papers for the family. Any Secretary who could use these leaflets may have them upon application to Miss Parsons, Secretary of Publications, W.M.S. Office, Room 700, Sterling Tower Building, 372 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

When church members move from one district or town to another, their names are forwarded to the local Secretary, whose duty it is to see that they are called on and made acquainted with the nearest minister. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary also visits the sick and reports any cases of need which may be met.

Our port workers, hospital visitors, and deaconesses, all gratefully acknowledge the assistance of our ever ready Supply Department. Many of the newcomers have written expressing their appreciation of the helpfulness of the gifts and comforts provided, and for the warm clothing and quilts which have been so badly needed. Is it worth while? The following extracts speak for themselves:

Rev. Alexander MacGregor, General Secretary of the British Settlement Society mentions in a circular the great assistance and kindness of our young women, and others who provided baskets of Christmas cheer, gifts of clothing and other comforts which were a very real expression of welcome to some who were spending their first Christmas in Canada.

A mother in writing to one of our port workers is grateful for the gift of a pillow to make the baby comfortable on the train journey, adding, ''You wouldn't know the baby now, he has grown so.'' The port worker, who looks into the smiling faces of hundreds of babies each season, quite agrees that she probably would not.

A young woman writes: ''Thank you for what you have done for me, getting me to know some people in my own Church. Could you tell me where to get some missionary information? It is my turn to read a paper at our Young People's Society.''

A worker reports: ''In one of our city Churches 59 families united this year, all secured through our Welcome and Welfare Department.''

''The total number of Presbyterians arriving at Quebec, during the months of May to November, was 11,013.''

''A hospital visitor reports a direct and immediate answer to prayer for a much needed air pillow for a suffering one.''

From a day in the life of a city deaconess: ''Recently a young Irishman came to my door selling electrical appliances. Knowing from his tongue that he must be 'just out' I asked a few questions then said 'Come in.' I picked up my little register, opened it at the date and vessel, and there read his own name. He was astonished until I explained my position and that I had taken it for granted that he would be a Presbyterian. As I had not been able to call on him immediately on receipt of his name, he had moved from his given address, so I thanked him for finding me. It was almost lunch time so he stayed and we had a pleasant visit.''

Points for Secretaries

''1. Visit promptly after receiving names.

2. Do not confine interest to one visit. Remember newcomers may be lonely even after they have connected themselves with the congregation.

3. If persons are not at given addresses, secure addresses where living and forward at once to your Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary, who will forward to final destination.

4. Do not fail to tell about women's organizations in your congregation. Your offer to call for and take to meeting or Sunday School will often be very welcome to someone who hesitates to go alone amongst strangers.

5. Report to your Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretaries on *all* names received. That is the only way she has of making her report complete.

6. Let your ministers know about any persons who would appreciate a visit from the minister.

7. Remember there are people removing from your district, who will be strangers in the place to which they go. Try to secure their addresses and forward to your Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary.

8. Do not think your interest and visit has counted for nothing if you do not see immediate results. Everything done in His name *has* results.

9. Let the port workers know of any person coming to Canada whom their friends would wish to have welcomed and assisted at the port. Be sure to mention ship and date of sailing.''

Great Opportunities for Work in British Guiana

MISS A. M. MURRAY

BETTER Hope Manse is a typical British Guiana house. What we call a verandah in front of it is known here as a gallery. The servants' rooms are underneath the house at the back. In the rear is a vat for storing rain water. To the left is the schoolhouse. It is rather small to accommodate two hundred pupils and at the same time act as the schoolmaster's residence. There are two rooms and six teachers. The children are packed into the place like sardines and there is an overflow bench set out in the porch. They answer in concert and seem to learn by shouting a thing over and over.

The Church is quite old. It was put up by a sugar planter, Mr. Crum Ewing, but was handed over to our Church on condition that services would be conducted regularly. Almost in line with the Church are a Mosque and a Hindu temple but I am happy to notice they are little used.

The Indian women are very shy and will not face the camera. The women wash their clothes on the banks of the canals. They spread them out and beat them with a big wooden paddle. I saw one youngster in the water and there he had to stay until his wardrobe, consisting of one shirt, was washed and dried. The picture of the little girl having a bath is also a typical sight.

The women nearly all work in the cane fields and also many of the children, hence the difficulty of regular attendance at school.

Bath Day

Tomorrow I go to an East Indian wedding with Dr. and Mrs. Cropper which, no doubt, will be very interesting. Many of the marriages the missionaries here officiate at are merely the legalizing of unions that may have taken place years before—''Bamboo Weddings'' as they are called. A man and woman simply set up housekeeping and that is all there is to it. According to their light they think it all right, but when the gospel reaches them about the first thing they realize is, that their lives are not right and they ask to be married. This is mostly the case with the East Indians. The blacks are all nominally Christian and know better, but don't do so well. There is a great deal of immorality amongst them.

There is a great amount of drinking in this colony. Rum is really the curse of the place and the sad thing is that the custom is chiefly set by the white people and, of course, the natives have fallen victims to the habit.

Yesterday was Communion Sunday. The Communion was dispensed first to the blacks then to the East Indians. The second service was in Hindi. I was at the former which was in English. It was a very nice service. Three bright young people joined the Church. Two old black elders assisted, very good souls, their faces were a benediction, they were so peaceful and benign.

Well I went to the Indian wedding. It was held in a little Chinese Baptist Church which our mission has the privilege of using. The Church was all decorated with palm leaves, and from the gate to the door and inside the Church strings were stretched with flowers tied on at intervals. The bride and bridegroom were a fine looking young couple. Both were dressed in western clothes, to the disgust of their respective grandmothers. After a simple little service we went to a schoolhouse where the reception was held. They had a long table set, with a grand cake at each end all decorated with colored paper and flowers. Instead of serving the meal on *plantain* leaves as the custom is, they had plates and spoons—tin ones I'll admit, but spoons. At all the weddings they serve rice and curry with chicken and goats' flesh. Their curry is always fearfully hot, so when they served it to us we remarked to each other, "If ye have tears prepare to shed them now." I did have to resort to fingers however, for I could not eat chicken with a spoon. They gave us something to drink and I sought to cool my tongue with it, but alas! it was hotter than the curry.

A Tajah

I buried my face in a watermelon and found relief. On each plate also was a sort of pancake about ten inches in diameter and leathery in texture. This is their usual bread called *"roti."*

On our way home we passed through a Hindu celebration called a Tajah. They all assemble in their best clothes and some fifty of the men have huge drums which they beat incessantly. The Tajah itself is a sort of pagoda about thirty feet high. It is most elaborately decorated with tinsel and colors. When they are finished they throw them into the sea and there is nothing left in their hearts but an unsatisfied longing.

The moon here is perfectly wonderful. It is so bright that it is not safe to be exposed to it too much. It is full now and when it shines on the palm trees it makes them appear all silvery and reminds one of the promise, "The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night."

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Here I am in *Berbice* at last and feeling fit for anything. We had a pleasant run up. The roads are good, level of course and smooth but the bridges are terrible. They are roughly made and give you a good many jolts. The country between here and Demarara is rather desolate in spots. In some places there is plenty of verdure and groves of palm trees but there are long stretches which are just mud flats. After dinner at Mr. Nichol's manse I was allowed to go over and see my new home. Everything was spick and span, with vases of flowers everywhere. The Training Home girls had gathered a beautiful bouquet for me. There are fifteen of them, all very sweet and shy. The high school girls, who number forty-six, are a mixed group—East Indian, Chinese, black and white. The Chinese are the cleverest. They all act and dress much like the girls at home. I have two assistants, a black girl and an East Indian, both very nice, and intelligent, and efficient workers too. The buildings are all good except the girls' school. It will do of course but it could be better. The house in which Miss Dallas and I live does not belong to the mission but they intend to buy or build soon. We got a little more furniture so it is now quite comfortable.

Ours is the largest mission here. Mr. Nichol's field is over a hundred miles long. Our field missionaries have to supervise the schools in their districts, as well as look after Church work so you see it is a man's job they have. Mr. Nichol says his work among the East Indians is very encouraging and he is seeing fruit from his labors. A cable came to-day that gave much satisfaction to the mission—a new principal for the boys' school has been appointed and is on his way here. That will free Mr. Hunter for field work which he wants to do and where he is badly needed, so we are all thankful and happy.

The country is threatened with drought. The ground is baked hard and the crops are suffering. The rice crop is almost a failure except on large estates where the fields are well irrigated. That will mean a good deal of distress. Our water vats are two thirds empty so we have to use the rain water for cooking and drinking only. We wash in the creek water which is a lovely dark brown and hard. However, we put alum into it to settle it, borax to soften it and, if need be, chlorine to purify it.

It is still very hot 156° to 160° in the sun which is very unusual for this time of year. However, it is remarkable how little it distresses one.

I am only teaching English, French and Scripture until re-adjustments. There is a great opportunity here for good work. Remember the work of the missionaries and school in prayer.

The Scope of the Supply Department

(ARTICLE II)

MRS. W. H. FLETCHER

THE Supply Department is closely related to all departments of our National Missions: Hospital, Educational, including School Homes and Indian Residential Schools, Social Service, including Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare, and Orientals in Canada. The requirements of these departments make it desirable to consider the work of the Supply Department under two headings:

I. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

The furniture and equipment required for the several departments of work are in charge of the Supply Secretary of the Council, with one exception—that of Indian Schools which are furnished and equipped by the Dominion Government. The annual estimate of the funds necessary to carry on the work of the Women's Missionary Society includes an estimate for the Supply Department. The amount of this estimate is based on the expansion planned by all departments of National Missions and on the necessary replacements of furniture, etc. As the secretaries of the departments indicate their needs, the purchases are made, and requisitions for the amounts of the expenditures are drawn by the Supply Secretary of the Council on the Treasurer of the Council. *The Supply Secretary of the Council handles no money.*

II. HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS OF LINEN, BEDDING. CLOTHING

All departments require large quantities of supplies that are not provided for in the annual estimate. When a Hospital, School Home or Indian School is established, a generous supply of household requirements such as pillows, pillow cases, mattress covers, towels, quilts and many other articles is provided, also draw sheets, surgical gowns, pyjamas, bandages, pneumonia jackets, and outfits for babies, for use in the hospitals. In addition to this initial supply, our four Hospitals, six School Homes and three Indian Schools need a considerable quantity of these articles each year in order that a sufficient supply may always be on hand. Several of the children in our School Homes require clothing; one hundred and eighty children in our Indian Schools require an outfit each year; the Social Service, (Welcome and Welfare) Department can make use of a variety of supplies for our workers who meet new-comers arriving at our ports; our deaconesses require such articles as will minister to the comfort of the needy ones in the community where they labor; for the department of Orientals in Canada Christmas supplies are the chief requirement; many bales of quilts and clothing are needed each year for distribution on our Mission Fields and Indian Reserves.

As before stated the annual estimate does not provide for these supplies.

How Then are They Provided?

In our Society there are about 45,000 members in Auxiliaries, Associate Societies, Young Women's Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. Groups and Mission Bands who have a mind to work and who contribute their money, time and skill in preparing these supplies. These contributions of money form a supply fund from which the materials needed for making the supplies, are purchased. Each organization has its own methods of securing its supply fund, *and this fund should be kept separate from the general fund.*

How do the Auxiliaries, Associate Societies, Young Women's Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. Groups and Mission Bands know what kind of supplies to prepare?

Each of these organizations gets an allocation of supplies from the Presbyterial Supply Secretary, usually in November, as the greater part of the sewing is done during the winter months. The Presbyterial Supply Secretary gets her allocation from the Provincial Supply Secretary. The Provincial Supply Secretary gets her allocation from the Supply Secretary of the Council.

How does the Supply Secretary of the Council know what kind of supplies to allocate?

Lists of requirements for our Hospitals, School Homes and Indian Schools, the needs of the Social Service and Orientals in Canada Departments are received from the Council Secretaries of these Departments. Requests for the Mission Fields and Indian Reserves are received from the Synodical Missionaries and the Home Mission Conveners of Presbytery. These lists and requests should be in the hands of the Supply Secretary of the Council in September each year. After a careful review of the needs and requests from all sources, the allocations are prepared and distributed through the Provincials and Presbyterials to the Auxiliaries and other branches. When these allocations are accurately filled the needs of all departments are adequately provided for. The successful working of the whole department depends on the earnest co-operation of all those who prepare the lists of requirements and of those who fill them.

No provision is made to send supplies to our Overseas Missions, because of the cost of transportation and heavy duty. The only exception we make to this is the sending of some Christmas gifts with outgoing missionaries.

Information and suggestions are contained in the Supply Leaflet which may be had free of charge on application to Miss Jessie Parsons, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto 2.

The Foreign Missions Conference at Detroit

Impressions brought back by the delegates to the Conference.

THE 36th annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference was held in the Hotel Statler, Detroit, Michigan, January 15th to 18th. The composition of the audience was interesting, there being 380 delegates and corresponding members, representing 62 Mission Boards and Societies.

Those who were privileged to attend were tremendously impressed by the spirit of the meeting and the kind of people there—undoubtedly the cream of the men and women of the churches in the United States and Canada, who were intensely concerned for the spiritual life of their countries.

The thême of the meeting was the Jerusalem Conference, and all felt that from the results of such a gathering they must go on to some greater achievement.

The spiritual and devotional aspect of the Conference centered on the realization of the need of the presence of God and that ''God is equal to making us equal to any task to which He calls us.''

In a beautiful devotional service, led by Mrs. Roys, she showed that organization was apt to be overdone, leaving little or no time for intercourse with God, and that we were in danger of missing what was so truly expressed in the Psalms: ''He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.''

Outstanding among many great speeches were those of Dr. Speer and Dr. E. Stanley Jones. Dr. Speer speaking of the real motive behind giving in church summed it up thus:

1. In the local church—Respectability—*You must do it.*
2. Denominational loyalty—Others do it.
3. Special interest in persons or activities—friendly responsibility for philanthropic enterprise such as medical missions.

But the purely religious motive is based on a desire to share your share in Jesus Christ. ''What,'' he asked, ''Makes young men and women go to the mission fields?'' ''Because they are sure that Jesus Christ and His gospel transcends every other religion in the world.''

At the Conference in Jerusalem, with fifty representatives of all countries in the world, Jesus Christ was set in the central place in religion.

Speaking on Woman's Relation to the mission question and her contribution to missions, Mrs. Nicholson told of the Chinese woman envoy to-day in France, and of Mrs. Helen Kim of Korea, a product of Christian education in Korea, who is preparing the Day of Prayer programme for 1930. Forty-three years ago there were no educated women in Korea. Women of the Orient are looking at the women of the west, at what we are doing, and our place in the Church, so they may take us as an example.

Dr. Stanley Jones spoke of India and gave examples of the fervor and devotion of her women to their religion, and the effect on one woman who was just taught ''Our Father Which art in heaven.'' Her realization that God is a father was all she needed. Oriental faiths have much in their favor but they cannot regenerate people.

We talk too much about sending leaders. It is not leaders but servants we want on the mission field. Those who are willing to go and learn and serve; through being servants they will become leaders. Those who govern the church in the east say that the church is not ready yet to take over the whole control of mission work. They still need the missionaries and will need them for years to come. According to Dr. Jones: there is in the United States one minister to every five hundred and thirteen people. In his field in India there is one missionary to two million people. ''You have,'' he said, ''got to go deeper in the home land in your own spiritual life if you are going to succeed overseas. What they cry for in India is something to heal their hearts and it must be Christ or nothing.''

A very real contribution was made to the Conference by the Nationals: Christians from India, China and Africa. Dr. James Yen, really the discoverer of the simplified Chinese alphabet, taught the coolies to read in twelve days, by conducting a mission and living with them. ''We must,'' he said, ''live the Chinese Christ to the Chinese.''

The statements of Miss Gertrude Shultz regarding the diminishing interest in mission study books were arresting. She attributed the situation to too many fixed budgets instead of presenting great causes, and too much centralized promotion. In the United States 94 per cent. of the women are in federation societies but only 65 per cent. are interested in missions. Is it that we have lost the passion for making Jesus Christ known? or is it that our spiritual life needs to be deepened? or do we need new methods, new terms, new attitudes? We are in a period of transition to a greater day but the constituency must be told of the new day. Are we doing our share of the work at home or are we putting it on the shoulders of the missionaries abroad? Are we putting on their shoulders any of the praying we ought to do? Do we put ourselves as we ought to in the place of our missionaries and our new Christians? Is this what we feel, so well expressed in the words of a Negro Spirituel, "Lord I want to be a Christian from the bottom of my heart?"

The Formosan W.M.S. Holds Its Sixth Annual Meeting

Mrs. Bella C. M. Koa

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Formosan Women's Missionary Society was held in Daitotei Church, on November 17th. This was earlier than usual, but it was so arranged, in order that the ex-students of the Girls' and Women's Schools, who were assembling in Tamsui for a farewell to Miss Kinney and Miss Connell on the sixteenth, could attend the missionary meeting before returning home.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." Miss Kinney gave a devotional talk in the morning, and both Miss Connell and Mrs. Mackay spoke in the afternoon. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Bible women, all gave their reports. Besides our three former Bible women, we asked another woman to leave her home in Tamsui for a month or two, and do some work in and around Gilan city and plain. She was very pleased to go, and stayed three months. Her mother went with her, paying all her own expenses. She is over seventy years old.

There were about two hundred and fifty women present, and they came from many different places to attend the meeting. All seemed very much interested. They enjoyed hearing the different reports. I asked that any present who had come to believe on Jesus through the work of any of our Bible women, would stand up. One woman stood up and spoke out, saying that she and her family were now all believers through the teaching of Peng-a-chim.

The total givings from all the societies amounted to Yen 728.65. ($364.32). Besides this there was over Yen 510.00 rent of houses the gift of Mrs. Li, an earnest Christian woman, who died over three years ago.

There is a woman in the Women's School at present, who is looking forward to doing Bible woman's work for our Society, after some further study in the School. We asked her to come up to the front, that all might see and know her. We also asked all the new missionaries since the last meeting, to come to the front and be presented.

Old Mrs. Go, the widow of one of my father's first students, asked if she might address the meeting. All heard her words with respect. She is, perhaps, one of the earliest Christians here, who is still living.

All the women stayed for dinner. The afternoon session began about two o'clock, and lasted till about four.

Mrs. Mackay gave each of the women a book of Genesis to take home. They liked them very much. The women here don't have many books. The older women have only the Bible, hymn-book, and a few other books in Romanized. The younger ones, who have more education, can enjoy books written in Japanese.

The Annual Meeting is to be held at Sing-tang next year. A delegate representing another Church was anxious that their invitation might be accepted, but the decision had already been made, so that their invitation must stand over for another year.

It was agreed that our study book for next year should be the ''History of Our North Formosa Church,'' which was published in Romanized to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the mission here.

It is very difficult to conduct business in a regular way, in these meetings, as very few of those present have had experience, in moving, seconding and voting on motions. During the election of officers, one old lady always voted by lifting both hands.

It was indeed a happy day, because we could all meet together at the feet of Jesus. It was a great time of reunion, too, as many friends met that day, who had not seen each other since the previous Annual Meeting. They seemed not a bit tired, even after sitting the whole day long. Interest in the work of the Society is steadily growing, and the women gladly give of their means to help. May Jehovah's name be praised in this Island.

OUR LETTER BOX

Christmas in Jhansi

Gwalior Mission, Jhansi.

''We had a very nice Christmas. Mrs. Hawtin kindly invited us missionaries from Jhansi to spend Christmas week with her and Mr. Hawtin. We went out Sunday after dinner so as to be there early Monday morning to help decorate the Christmas tree. Ox-carts were sent into Jhansi early Monday morning for those living there. We had the Christmas tree outside. The people all sat on the grass before it, the girls and women on one side, and boys and men on the other side. The color scheme was almost indescribable. One little two months old baby had on a cerise bonnet, a bright green shawl, pink dress and stockings with broad bright stripes of all the colors I have not already mentioned. I wish we could have taken pictures of the gathering, it certainly would have been a colored picture. They were all dressed in their best clothes, a good many of them had new clothes for the occasion.

First we had quite an impressive service, at least it looked impressive if one can judge by the faces of the listeners, for of course, I could not understand what was being said, it being in Hindi. The service lasted over two hours, the Indian preachers never seem to get tired of speaking and the people do not seem to get tired of listening.

After the service the gifts from the tree were distributed, every one of the three hundred people there received a useful present. Some of the children were given a doll and how delighted they were! It was a great day for them all. After the sports and a real Indian meal, of which we had also to partake, they all went home tired but happy.

The rest of the Christmas week we spent very quietly playing tennis occasionally and one day we went out hunting with the men folk. We started off in an ox-cart, we saw some deer in the jungle but did not get any, the next day the men went without us and they got a leopard, deer, pig, a peacock and a duck. We had our real Christmas dinner on Thursday for we ate the peacock that day. The peacock is a substitute for turkey for us and tastes almost as good, we also have a very good imitation of cranberry sauce in rozelle jelly, which is made from a flower which grows in our garden.

—*Miss Lily A. Simpson.*

The Wordless Bible

Tamsui, Formosa.

"I received a card from a preacher at a remote station saying that nearly everybody in his church, men and women, old and young, were studying the gospel of John, and that some had expressed to him the pleasure and profit which they were experiencing in the study.

Did I ever tell you of one of Dr. Baedeker's methods of getting the gospel home to the hearts of illiterate people? namely what he called 'the wordless Bible'? It is just three sheets of paper, black, red and white, and from this he would give a short explanatory talk. On Sunday, I had some Sunday School children, who came an hour and a half too early, make me some. Coming out of the house to-day with some in my hand, and waiting while a pair of scissors was being sharpened, I was much pleased by the interest which a workman there took in it. The succession of colors puzzled him and he asked questions and kept on asking. I should think Christian workers anywhere could use them with effect." —*Mrs. G. W. Mackay.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for April

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Hymn—"Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 145). *Scripture Reading*—Isaiah 49:8-16. *Hymn*—"O Word of God Incarnate." *Minutes. Roll Call. Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Chapter XII—"This Road or That"?—China. *Psalm*—"When Zion's Bondage God Turned Back." *Closing Prayer.*

SUGGESTIONS: Have a map and ask one of the members to give a brief talk on China and Manchuria, their location and resources, if possible show curios. Appoint a second member to tell what she knows about the outstanding medical missionary in South China and her work. In answer to the roll call let each member name a South China and Manchuria missionary and state the type of work in which she is engaged. Have a short paper on the work of the Christian Literature Society in Shanghai and Dr. and Mrs. MacGillivray's share in it, also one on the Bible Society.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Days in the Jungle

Dear Canadian Girls:

"I came to Sardi, five miles from Amkhut, the last of November, and here I am alone in my bungalow, on the main highway through the jungle. My day begins at sunrise, when I ring the first bell calling all the workers together for prayer. Next I ring a bell calling the Bible women together to read and pray before we start out into the district to preach the gospel. If it is a long distance, I ride horseback, but the others walk. The Bhils are all farmers, the farms are small. When there are several houses near together, it is called a village and has its name. We make from two to four stops each forenoon. The Bhils are such lovable people, but they need our prayers. We return about noon. Then at 1.30 I ring the bell calling the Bible women again and four or five other young women whom we are teaching to read. At first we have a Bible lesson after which all those who are learning to read pray, then the Bible women and I teach the others.

I have four lovely young girls working for me and attending the Sardi school. They would not be in school if I did not give them work so I have them carry water for the home and for the garden, and sew, etc. The school-master, the Bible women and some others have been coming in the evening after dinner to sing, and the Christians, who are grown up and still do not read well, have been coming for me to help them. So my evenings have also been spent with the people, after which I tumble into bed, happy.''

—*Christina Maxwell.*

''We are so happy now to have our regular evangelistic work daily in the hospital. No patient is treated without first having heard the gospel. We had our consulting room converted into a waiting room and the dispensary divided. The patients go into the waiting room. Our evangelist, 'Gigio,' who was assistant compounder in Dr. Maitland's time, is in the waiting room all morning preaching and talking with the people. After they have listened for some time he gives them a card with a number on it and then they see the doctor and are treated. It does one good to see how attentively they listen and how interested they are. On Sunday we had over a hundred at our morning service. There was a fine spirit throughout and most of the people returned for Sunday School in the afternoon.''

—*Isabel McConnell*

''Miss Robson is planning to go to Toran Mall for summer school about April 1st. I expect to go too. We hope to go up from the other side and only have about six miles to ride instead of twenty from this side. We shall stay until the rains are about to break. Then I expect to go to Landour for more language work.''

—*M. H. Williamson.*

''On Thursday we rode horseback over to Pangora to get our first real village school arranged. It is going to need quite a bit of attention but eight Christian children were there on our visit last Friday. I'll go again to-morrow. We hope that the road will get cleared up for the motor to go but, so far, only a horse can get through.''

—*Bertha Robson.*

Be sure to read the story of ''The Wedding at Amkhut,'' as told by Miss Williamson in the March *Glad Tidings.*

Affiliated Groups.—

Ontario: Auro Lees, Presbyterian Church, Chesley; Chippewa Group, Knox Church, Iroquois; Peggy Ramsay Group, Dunn Memorial Church, Long Branch; Kamanistagua Group, St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound; Amicitia Club, Kensington Church, Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal.

Prayer

"O SATISFY us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands." We thank Thee, dear Lord, our Heavenly Father, that "we are still on praying ground, and pleading terms with Thee," and that the prayer of Thy servant of old—"O satisfy us early with Thy mercy"—can be our prayer at this time. Thy abundant mercy is so full, so free to all, that even in the light of our many sins, we can utter these words with full assurance of faith, that if they go up to Thy mercy seat from humble grateful hearts, Thou wilt answer our cry according to our faith. Lord, increase our faith, we feel it is so weak, so cold in spite of Thy wonderful promises. We come to Thee so seldom, when we should come with broken and contrite hearts, continually pleading for our country, our homes, our churches, and the whole round world. We pray very earnestly at this time for an increase in our workers at home and abroad, also for those toiling for the uplift of the "benighted" parts of the earth. "Establish the work of their hands upon them." This we ask for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

MISSION BANDS

Christmas Day in Amkhut

Miss Bertha Robson

OUR great Christmas Day is over again! Just as great an occasion as ever! Last year we had no Santa Claus and many were the wonderings as to whether he would find his way to Amkhut this year or not—that jolly little man who was always so glad to see everybody and came loaded with all sorts of surprising things, dolls and balls and sweet-smelling soap, not to mention the lovely warm little "stocking" shirts for the new babies and more pretentious ones for the two and three-year olds. Oh, yes, the mothers love Santa Claus just as much as the children do and it does not make his welcome any less sincere that they know that this same dear old Santa Claus has engaged so many mothers in Canada to get the garments made just right and in plenty of time. How wise of the old fellow to get their help and to have them sent off by post so that nobody would be disappointed if his heavy load over the bad jungle roads should break down his motor and he should be delayed.

How the scissors snipped, snipped, snipped, and the sewing machines buzzed, buzzed, buzzed for weeks before the Big Day. For Santa Claus has decreed that every boy that has come regularly to school through the year shall get a shirt and a pair of trousers, and every girl a new dress. Seventy-five of each and ten more for the children at Sardi. What a blessing was the new sewing machine, purchased with the gold pieces that the Paris and Brantford ladies had given me. There was Miss Williamson's too, and the hand-machine from Waterloo's Young People on my last furlough, still whirring away as busily as any though sometimes complaining now at the amount of work still expected of it. Nor could the machines overtake it all. The big girls sat and sewed by hand for an hour every day after school and even then we had to call in some women to help finish off for fear Santa would come and find something not ready. We had attempted something a little more pretentious this year, for, for the first time in the history of Amkhut there were two Miss Sahibs instead of only one, to plan and carry out the plans. And what a difference it makes!

The boys got navy blue cotton trousers and white factory cotton shirts, and the girls' new outfits consisted of full royal blue skirts and white factory cotton middies, trimmed with a band of blue at the neck and sleeves. The material for these garments was all bought from the Salvation Army Industrial Institution at Bareilly. They carry on a splendid work among the criminal tribes and the goods they produce are strong and durable.

It was nearly midnight on Christmas Eve before we had time to sit down and read the home letters that had come in that evening's mail, but by that time the last label had been applied and the motor only remained to be decorated. The church looked very ''Christmassy'' with its decorations of red, green and white paper chains made by the children, and some Japanese lanterns and an arch of Christmas bells over the platform. An arch is such an easy thing to make in India where the bamboo grows at our door. A bamboo branch was bound with green paper, the bells tied on at regular intervals and then the ends of the long bamboo attached firmly to the corners of the platform and the arch was complete.

Christmas morning dawned bright and clear as Christmas always does in India. It was cold too and the children wrapped their blankets around them to come and sing their Christmas carols. ''Merry Christmases'' all round, then off they all scampered to get the day's work in hand, for Christmas is the busiest as well as the happiest day of all the year.

The church bell rang at half-past eleven and the church was soon full to overflowing. It did overflow, and all the verandahs were so crowded that the people all had to stand in order to see the platform. That is the day when the children sing their English songs and recite their memory verses and show their parents and friends all they have been learning. And aren't the parents proud? The children love to perform and the parents love to watch them and what a happy occasion it makes. From twelve o'clock until four! and nobody thought it too long!

The senior classes produced a simple Christmas drama. Esther, the quiet, dignified mother sat teaching her little boy the prophecies about the coming of the Messiah when suddenly the husband, a shepherd, came in with the glad news of the Saviour's birth. The little boy could hardly wait while his father and mother made ready to go to Bethlehem.

The next scene was the stable where the gentle-faced Roshan, as Mary, sat gazing into the manger while the shepherds came with their praises and the Kings of the East with their gifts. Slowly and in orderly array the children all came singing and bringing their little gifts for the baby King. ''Two little hands, to serve Jesus.'' Thus sang the little tots. ''Beautiful the little hands, That do loving deeds,'' sang the next grade in their turn. Then the bigger classes, taking it more seriously sang, ''Take my Life and Let it be Consecrated Lord to Thee.'' Last of all, the teachers brought it to a triumphant finish with ''All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name''!

Something in lighter vein followed. The children began to sing their action songs, to the great amusement of the audience, but just when the fifth class were ready to sing their round ''Row, row, row your boat,''—an achievement of which they are very proud—the sound of an approaching motor was heard, and before another line could be sung Santa Claus was at the door. His red crocheted cap and his turkey-red coat are somewhat the worse for wear but his long white cotton whiskers and fuzzy eyebrows waggle and twinkle as merrily as ever. The crowd was so anxious to welcome him and to see his new Ford car with its gay balloons and red and white paper ribbons flying, that a path for the kindly little man to make his way to the platform could hardly be found. ''Salaam, salaam, salaam!'' Santa then begged the teachers to help unload and distribute his gifts. Many hands were ready and soon Santa Claus was persuaded to rest himself in an armchair on the platform so that he might the more easily receive the salaams of the children as they came forward, and the fun of distribution went gayly on.

At last the last name was called, the last dress, the last doll and the last prize was given. ''God Save the King'' was sung more thoughtfully than usual for they all knew that the good King far away in England had been very ill.

A social half-hour with an interesting "bow-and-arrow" shooting contest followed. The mountain was casting its long shadow over the Amkhut valley when the bell rang to call the children and teachers into the Girls' Hostels for the Christmas dinner of rice and stewed goat. Not a very good Christmas dinner! Of course it is good! Even Miss Williamson, cooling her tongue with a long draught of Amkhut's delicious spring water,—the meat is made tasty with red peppers—manfully attacked a second helping.

The year's Big Day was done. A Big Day full of happiness. Before it came they had been happy in working to have their offerings ready to bring to the King on His birthday; still more happy were they as they dropped their mites into the white basket beside the manger, and happy at the close of the day as they sent their "Salaams" by prayer to the Canadian girls who were just beginning their Big Day. Once more the valley echoed to the now familiar shout "Bol, Yisu Massih ki jai" (Shout, Victory to Jesus), and the stars came out to watch them all safely home to their little bamboo houses scattered throughout the big silent jungle.

Important Dates

PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

Alberta	Edmonton	April 10th and 11th
British Columbia	Vancouver	April 2nd and 3rd
Manitoba	Winnipeg	March 26th and 27th
Ontario	Hamilton	April 23rd to 26th
Quebec	Quebec City	April 16th
Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	March 19th and 20th

COUNCIL MEETING

St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, May 28th to 31st.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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THE *News Bulletin* is the official organ of the Alberta Board of the W.M.S. Its object is to keep in touch with the isolated Presbyterian and minority groups, scattered throughout the province, far from church services, and connections; to carry to them news of the Church in Alberta and thus cheer and encourage them with the knowledge that they are not forgotten.

It is sent out free, the Board being responsible for cost of publication and mailing, assisted by the members of Synod, and also by donations from generous friends and organizations. Cost of publication, mailing, etc., for 1928 was $125.49. A committee of interested friends do the mailing.

The ministers' quota, now 210 copies, goes to 41 addresses, at 26 post offices. The W.M.S. share, now 315, goes to 198 names, at 87 post offices, the circulation mainly being in the sparsely-settled districts. Fourteen letters of appreciation were received last year.

The programme for the World Day of Prayer, February 15th, was arranged by the Church of England women, and the meeting held in the Pro-Cathedral. Other churches took part in the programme. The meeting was very well attended, and considered ''the best meeting yet held.''

A pleasant item on the programme of the February meeting of St. Andrew's W.M. Auxiliary, Lethbridge, was the presentation of a Life Membership pin to a member. At the December meeting Junior Membership certificates and pins were presented to three I.X.L. Mission Band girls. At the January meeting a Life Membership was sent to a faithful worker in the W.M.S., who lately removed to Ottawa.

Edmonton P.S.—Most encouraging reports were received at the annual meeting, February 1st. Receipts had been $1,760. Supply work was valued at $302.71. Home Helpers had given $372.66, and 210 newcomers had been looked after by the Welcome and Welfare Secretary. 614 lbs. of literature had been sent out, and 277 subscribe to *Glad Tidings.*

There are 8 Auxiliaries, an increase of one, Vegreville; 7 C.G.I.T. groups, who contributed $20.00 to W.M.S. work, and 10 Mission Bands, whose givings were $222.15. One Honorary and six new Life Members were reported.

Vegreville School Homes have in residence 24 boys and 20 girls, doing well at school, and happy in their home life.

Miss Laura Pelton and Mrs. A. H. Rogers, Fort Saskatchewan, were speakers, and greetings were received from Presbytery, and from the Anglican, Baptist and United Churches.

Miss Laura Pelton is doing splendid work among the young people of Edmonton, and the Auxiliaries also. She spoke at Strathcona and First Church Auxiliaries.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. WM. CUTHBERT, 1820-5TH AVE. WEST, VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

AT a P.Y.P.A. rally, held on January 28th, and attended by some of the women from the Missionary Societies, Mrs. Herd gave greetings from the W.M.S.

The Auxiliary of Fairview Presbyterian Church conducted a mother's meeting at Central City Mission, February 1st, Rev. Mr. Dickie gave an interesting address on his work in China where he had labored for over forty years.

Westminster P.S.—The fifteenth annual meeting was held in Kerrisdale Church, February 12th, the President, Mrs. Herd, in the chair. After devotional exercises, Mrs. Herd gave an encouraging address, dwelling briefly on the work done by the now fully organized Presbyterial; the good accomplished by the study of the *Royal Road;* the joy of knowing that all demands had been met by the Supply Department; the importance of the P.Y.P.A. and Mission Band work; the excellent report of the Treasurer, saying in closing that finance was the barometer showing the state of the heart. ''If we love much, we will give much.'' Rev. David Lister, minister of Kerrisdale Church, gave greetings.

All officers were re-elected and the installation was conducted by Mrs. Ledingham, Provincial President, who gave an inspiring address entitled ''The Windows of the Soul,'' saying, ''The need of the soul to gaze outward and upward is manifest. Only by daily exercise of prayer can the soul attain its greatest achievements. Fellowship with Christ, and service are windows out of which the soul might see. As physical health depends on sunshine, so does spiritual health depend on sunshine from heaven.''

Mrs. Craig, the speaker of the evening, dwelt chiefly on the beginning of the work among the Bhils in India, a work so ably begun and carried on by the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan.

At the evening session, two young women conducted devotions, and the Mission Band of the Church gave several selections which were well received. Mrs. Thos. Wilson closed the session with words of heart-searching significance, revealing to all that the gathering had been one of special spiritual blessing.

Victoria P.S.—The annual meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, January 17th and 18th, the first session being held on Thursday evening. Rev. J. S. Patterson presided. After words of welcome by the President, Mrs. Cotsford, and greetings from the Synod, our Provincial President, Mrs. Ledingham, gave an interesting and enjoyable illustrated address on British Guiana.

Friday sessions were devoted to business. All departmental reports were most encouraging, showing that the work in this Presbyterial is growing and prospering under God's loving care and guidance. There was a splendid representation from each Auxiliary, and reports were given by St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Knox, the Gorge, and the Chinese Mission of Victoria. Reports read from Sooke and Nanaimo, showed these Auxiliaries to be in a very flourishing condition. The meetings were greatly blessed by the presence of Mrs. Ledingham, who gave much encouragement and advice regarding our work in the Societies, and valuable hints as to the working of others throughout the province.

After installation of officers, and resolutions, Mrs. H. P. S. Luttrel, of St. Andrew's Church, closed the meeting with a short address and prayer.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, under the able leadership of Mrs. J. C. Cotsford. There was a good attendance of women from many Churches in the city, and an inspiring programme was carried out.

MANITOBA

MRS. GEO. S. LECKIE, 1457 WINNIPEG AVE., WINNIPEG, PRESS SECRETARY

THE Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, January 10th, under the auspices of Winnipeg Presbyterial. Mrs. A. M. Long, presided. Rev. D. J. Graham, Immigration Chaplain, gave an inspiring address. Prayers were offered by different Auxiliary members, and Mrs. Reynolds read a fine paper prepared by Mrs. W. McKay. The members of thirteen Auxiliaries answered the roll call with a verse of Scripture. The meeting throughout was inspiring.

The account of Winnipeg Presbyterial has been delayed for fuller information and will appear next month.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

ANNUAL MEETING

THE programme for the annual meeting of the Provincial Society which will be held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on April 23rd, 24th and 25th, has been so planned that as much time as possible will be available for discussion and conferences. At this date, the following speakers have been secured, Mrs. D. Strachan, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Miss MacMurchy, Miss Edith A. Sinclair and Miss Winifred Ferguson.

The Secretaries of the organizations paying the expenses of delegates should forward names as early in April as possible to the convener of the billeting committee, Mrs. Robert McFarlane, 18 Proctor Blvd., Hamilton.

RAILWAY INFORMATION

Going tickets and certificates will be issued April 18th to April 24th inclusive, and properly validated certificates will be honored for tickets for the return journey up to and including April 29th. Delegates will please remember to buy a single first class ticket asking at time of purchase for a Standard Certificate.

Chatham P.S.—Dr. Eugene de Molnar, pastor of the Hungarian Church, Windsor, addressed St. Andrew's Church W.M.S. recently. Dr. Molnar who is a descendant of Szenezi Molnar, who might be called the

Hungarian Knox, stated that the Hungarian Calvinist Church in the old country has nearly two and a half million members.

Mount Zion Church Auxiliary, Ridgetown, reports 1928 ''the best yet'' in contributions and interest.

Mrs. Gibb, the faithful Secretary of Leamington W.M.S. for fifteen years, has resigned.

Duart, with 25 members, reports a splendid year. They presented Mrs. Watson, their treasurer for thirty years, with a beautiful Bible.

The ''Star'' M.B., Dunnville have received three Junior Members this year. Recently, they lost a faithful and earnest member, Margaretta Heimbecker, on whose birthday her sisters, Hazel and Thelma, brought an offering of $1.50 to the birthday box.

Ottawa P.S. held its fifteenth annual meeting in Erskine Church, Ottawa, on 29th and 30th of January. While the greatest increase is shown in the Young Women's Auxiliaries and C.G.I.T. Groups, each branch is growing steadily and is in a healthy financial condition. The chief speakers were Miss Winifred Ferguson, Principal of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, and Dr. George E. Ross, pastor of Erskine Church. For the devotional exercises of one session the programme arranged for the Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer was followed. Mrs. C. H. Thorburn was made an Honorary Member. The allocation was fully subscribed.

Paris P.S.—The annual meeting was held in Paris—steady growth and deepened interest—Ayr self-sustaining and Auxiliary formed—allocation exceeded by $893—and gift of $1,000 reported from a Brantford friend. Mrs. Ramsay, Brantford, and Mrs. Toombs, Simcoe, mothers of missionaries in Formosa and India, were honored by the delegates. The special speaker was Mrs. Wm. Rochester, Provincial President.

The sum raised at a tea held at the home of Mrs. Frank Singer, Paris, $114, is to purchase a typewriter for Miss Isabel McConnell, Jobat Hospital, sister of their minister, Rev. W. F. McConnell.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE ''MANSE'', BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—The fifteenth annual meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on February 5th and 6th, the President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, presiding. The sessions were well attended, 365 members registered. Rev. M. A. Campbell, D.D., pastor of the Church, welcomed the members and friends.

The Corresponding Secretary reported a new senior Auxiliary in Montreal East. There are now 36 senior Auxiliaries, with membership of 1322; 12 Y.W. Auxiliaries and 2 Associate Groups with a membership of 238; 20 Teen Age Girls' Groups with 256 members; 21 Mission Bands with 771 members; 1023 Home Helpers; total membership, 3610.

The Treasurer reported $16,800 forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer, this amount being $600 in excess of the allocation.

New Home Helper members number 375; contributions $2,073.34, an increase of $638; *Glad Tidings* subscribers 379.

Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported 646 visits to homes and hospitals, resulting in many persons connecting with the Church and Sunday Schools. The assistance rendered by Miss Macarthur and Miss Munro was greatly appreciated.

Literature sales amounted to $133.46, being an increase of 90 books. Subscriptions to magazines, books and Sunday School papers were sent to different Missions. Deep interest in our work is noted in the Exchange Department. Value of supplies and the cash received amounted to $2,297.43. Supplies were sent to our various schools and missions. *Glad Tidings* subscribers totalled 1,520. 12 Honorary, 50 Life Membership, 16 In Memoriam, and 15 Junior Certificates were subscribed for; also 4 blue, 7 silver and 3 gold seals. Many Auxiliaries have a Life Membership day, and a special speaker.

Four new Mission Bands were organized; $733.63 was sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer; supply work amounted to $155.60. The Secretary asks for the support of the mothers of the children and the Executive and members of the W.M.S.

Girls' Work has shown more interest in mission study, more supply work sent in and increased contributions.

Y.W. Secretary reported a new Auxiliary in Stanley Church, Westmount, with 21 members, contributions of $1,019.65, an increase of $88.91.

A successful Leaders' Training Course held in Huntingdon School Home, in July was reported. It is to be repeated in July, 1929, when it is hoped many will take advantage of it.

Mrs. Dougherty, in her address, stated that our members are becoming more interested in our fields of service, to judge by the more general use of the text books, particularly ''The Royal Road.'' Many young women are taking a vital interest in the work. She urged all to pray more so that their service may have more power, and to be more earnest in the reading of God's word, that we may know His will.

Miss MacMurchy, Toronto, addressed the meeting on her visit with the Assembly's delegation, to the Gwalior Mission and Bhil Field, India. She paid tribute to the splendid band of women who are carrying on the work there, and to the wonderful work of the late Dr. Wilkie, also to Dr. Buchanan, both of whom were looked up to in India as Christian missionaries and as counsellors of the people. Miss MacMurchy also spoke at the closing session on the practical work of the W.M.S. giving many helpful explanations and suggestions.

Miss Edith Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, presented the claims of the young people in a very forceful manner. Our great need is more leaders, and our aim is "the girls of Canada for Christ."

Rev. W. M. Rochester, D.D., Editor of the *Presbyterian Record,* gave an inspiring address on the present situation of the Presbyterian Church. He paid glowing tribute to the work of the W.M.S. both at home and abroad.

The Rev. John Buchanan, D.D., of India, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was the guest of honor at the luncheon on Tuesday. His message to the members was "Behold I have set before thee an open door," may it be yours to accept the challenge to enter the open door of opportunity and win the Bhil field for Christ.

Many tributes were paid the retiring President, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, by the Executive Board and the members.

Greetings were brought from Quebec Provincial by the President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, from Quebec Presbyterial, by the Hon. President, Mrs. Owen R. Campbell, and from Montreal Presbytery, by the Moderator, Rev. I. A. Montgomery.

The question box, conducted by Mrs. E. B. Busteed, brought up some interesting discussions.

A resolution was passed, expressive of the great loss sustained through the passing away of Mrs. George A. Grier, one of the highly esteemed Honorary Presidents, Miss Margaret Rodger, of Lachute, Mrs. Donald Young and other esteemed missionary workers.

Stanley Church, Westmount, will be the meeting place next year.

Changes in officers: Pres. Mrs. A. W. Lamb; Secretaries:—Rec.—Mrs. R. A. Kerr; Corr.—Miss E. M. King; Treas.—Mrs. W. E. Baker; Young Women's—Mrs. J. Fowlie; Asst. Mission Band—Mrs. Thos. Young; Girls' Work—Mrs. Arthur W. Pae; Mission Band and Girls' Work Supply—Mrs. O. J. Miller; Lit.—Mrs. J. T. McGill; Library—Mrs. H. N. Crombie; Press—Mrs. W. A. Thompson.

The annual meeting of the Y. W. Auxiliaries was held February 4th, in First Presbyterian Church. Some 70 delegates were present, besides a number of guests. Encouraging reports were presented by the Secretaries of the twelve Y. W. Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial. Dr. M. A. Campbell, pastor of the church, extended cordial greetings, and inspiring addresses were delivered by Miss MacMurchy and Miss Edith Sinclair.

A Correction.—In the report of the semi-annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Board, Mrs. Douglas was referred to as "our hospital worker," instead of as the Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

Moose Jaw P.S.—The annual meeting opened Thursday night, February 7th, in Knox Church, Moose Jaw. The special speaker was Rev. W. A. Cameron, of Weyburn, who took as his subject, ''Strength is a Relative Term,'' basing his remarks on Romans 15:1, ''We then that are strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak.'' Friday, the Secretaries spoke to their reports, all told of progress and interest in the work. Mrs. J. H. Drynan was re-elected President.

Mrs. Simpson, Weyburn, mother of Miss Lily Simpson, our missionary in the Gwalior field, India, read messages from her daughter telling of her work there. Greetings were received from Rev. H. R. Horne and Mrs. Horne, of Regina.

The ''Busy Bees'' of St. Paul's Church presented a unique sketch under the leadership of Mrs. Hutchison. Rev. A. R. Ferguson, pastor of Knox and St. Paul's Churches, Moose Jaw, gave an interesting address.

This Society exceeded their allocation considerably, showing faithful work among its many members.

Changes in Secretaries: *Glad Tidings*—Mrs. J. Bremmer, Swift Current; Home Helpers'—Mrs. A. W. McNaughton, Briercrest.

Prince Albert–Saskatoon P.S. held its annual meeting in Parkview Church, Saskatoon, January 23rd and 24th, Mrs. W. G. Brown presiding. Mrs. W. J. Burnett welcomed the visitors and Mrs. F. A. Sitter, of Wilkie, responded.

The Secretary, Mrs. Percy Hill, reported 13 Auxiliaries, 3 Associate Societies, and 180 members. The Treasurer's statement, given by Miss Violet Scott, in the absence of Mrs. Mitchell Smith, showed a creditable income for missionary purposes. Mrs. Cant reporting for the Y.W. and C.G.I.T. Groups, showed an increase in contributions. Mrs. A. S. Sibbald presented Mrs. L. K. Stewart's summary of the work of the Mission Bands. The large number of letters sent out by the Welcome and Welfare Department, reported by Miss Alma Meldrum, showed activity in that branch of the work. The discussion of reports led by Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina, brought out many points of interest. Rev. W. G. Brown, St. Andrew's Church, brought greetings from the Presbytery.

The President in her address passed on to the delegates some of the inspiration she had experienced at the Council meeting. Mrs. Brown pointed to China's open door and the present opportunity in the many fields, as a result of the courage and labor of the pioneer missionaries.

She appealed especially to the young women and the Mission Band girls to consider training for overseas work.

Special speakers were Rev. W. J. Burnett, Mr. Garvin and Mrs. Horne, also Miss Ethel Rowe of Coleville, who made a special appeal to the young people on behalf of missions. Miss Brell led in the devotional exercises. Mrs. Horne conducted the installation of officers.

The changes in Secretaries are: Y.P. and C.G.I.T.—Mrs. Steed, Coleville; Lib., Lit., and Exchange—Mrs. P. Edwards, Saskatoon; Home Helpers'—Mrs. Harriston, Kindersley; Supply—Mrs. Jones, Prince Albert.

Life Members

British Columbia Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. J. Smith Patterson, St. Paul's Aux., Victoria; Mrs. Wm. G. Gourlie, Mt. Pleasant Aux., Vancouver; Mrs. Arthur E. Hill, Robertson Aux., Vancouver.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

James Donald Wilson, Mt. Pleasant Aux., Vancouver; Shirley Louise Davidson, (of Kamloops) Central Aux., Vancouver; Muriel Little, Lloyd College, Marion Oliver M.B., Cranbrook; Laurence Irving, Mary Irving (2nd seal) Marion McRae M.B., St. Paul's Ch., Victoria; Isabelle Bennett, "Ephraim Scott" M.B., Fairview, Vancouver.

Correction.—In December issue, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham is reported as a Life Member. This should read Mr. G. W. Ledingham.

Manitoba Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Mrs. J. Coldwell, Ninga Aux.

Ontario Provincial.—

HONORARY MEMBERS

Chatham P.S.—Mrs. H. M. Paulin, Alexander Bartlett, St. Andrew's Ch., Windsor; Mrs. Charles Scott, Sr. Aux.'s and Y.W.'s, and M.B., Chatham P.S. **Lindsay P.S.**—Miss Minnie Gould, Chalmers Ch., Uxbridge; **Ottawa P.S.**—Mrs. Thorburn, Knox Aux., Ottawa; Miss Louise Park, Kenmore; **Peterboro P.S.**—Mrs. R. Hall, W.M.S. St. Paul's Ch., Peterboro; **Stratford P.S.**—Mrs. James Erskine, Auxiliaries of Presbyterial, Stratford.

LIFE MEMBERS

Algoma P.S.—Miss A. Isabell Godfrey, Westminster Aux., Sault Ste. Marie. **Barrie P.S.**—Mrs. J. J. McLean, Miss Jessie Jamieson, Knox Aux., Midland; Miss Beatrice Grey, Coldwater Aux.; Mrs. Chas. Flynn, Cookstown Aux.; Mrs. C. Telfer, Mrs. S. Shipley, Collingwood Aux.; Mrs. J. R. Miller, Beeton Aux.; Mrs. R. E. Jones, Y. W. Aux., Orillia. **Brockville P.S.**—Mrs. R. H. Lindsay, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mrs. J. A. McCammon, Mrs. J. Sheridan, First Church Aux, Brockville. **Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.**—Mrs. J. A. Hay, Walkerton Aux. **Chatham P.S.**—Mrs. A. Waddington, Knox Aux., Windsor; Mrs. Annie Edwards, Bothwell

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Mrs. R. C. Campbell, Miss M. E. MacKay, (N. Zorra), Mrs. M. J. Breckenridge, Afternoon Aux., Knox Ch., Woodstock; Mrs. H. P. Innes, Simcoe Aux.; Mrs. W. Hesse, Ratho Aux.; Miss Helen M. Owen, Y.W. Aux., Simcoe; Mrs. W. W. Telfer, Y.W. Aux., Paris; Mrs. A. Ramsay, Central Aux., Brantford; Miss E. Hood, Afternoon Aux., Woodstock. **Peterboro P.S.**—Mrs. C. P. Doughty, Mrs. A. Brown, St. Andrew's Aux., Hastings; Mrs. W. F. A. Deyell, Grace Ch. Aux., Millbrook; Mrs. J. Allen, Campbellford Aux.; Miss M. Sanders, St. Andrew's Aux., Cobourg; Miss Tanner, Lakefield Aux.; Miss McVannel, Mrs. J. L. Marsh, Fraser Aux., St. Paul's Ch., Peterboro. **Sarnia P.S.**—Mrs. Joseph McCormick, Pioneer Aux., Wyoming; Miss Allegra Walker, Y.W. Aux., St. Andrew's Ch., Strathroy, Mrs. J. Lyons, L.A., St. Andrew's Ch., Strathroy; Mrs. J. R. Hemphill, Mrs. J. C. Creighton, St. Andrew's Ch. Aux., Strathroy; Mrs. M. A. Fraser, St. Andrew's Aux., Nairn; Mrs. S. Fletcher, Knox Aux., Centre Road; Mrs. F. Burford, Alvinston Aux.; Mrs. D. J. Symes, St. Andrew's Aux., Corunna; Mrs. W. Gemmill, St. Andrew's Aux., Sarnia. **Saugeen P.S.**—Mrs. F. Meston, Palmerston Aux.; Miss Mary Ross, Miss J. Christie, Holstein Aux.; Mrs. A. Donald, Mrs. J. Adams, Mrs. A. Coutts, Conn Aux. **Stratford P.S.**—Mrs. James H. Dickson, Associate Aux., Atwood; Miss M. E. Roulston, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Milverton Aux.; Mrs. Collins, Mitchell Aux.; Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, Roneo Ward Aux., St. Andrew's Ch., Stratford; Miss Evelyn Gamble, Evening Aux., St. Andrew's Ch., Stratford; Miss Teressa Adair, Y.W. Aux., West Monkton; Mrs. W. Stewart, West Monkton Aux.; Miss Joan Meldrum, Gordon Aux., Knox Ch., Stratford; Miss K. Sutherland, Miss Jean Robertson, Miss Anna Robertson, Monkton Aux. **Superior P.S.**—Mrs. H. R. Grant, St. Andrew's Aux., Fort William. **Toronto P.S.**—Mrs. Gertrude G. Houston, Miss Martha J. Giffen, the Alexandra Bible Class, Victoria Ch., Toronto; Miss Gertrude S. Douglas, Miss Mary Watson, Victoria Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. W. T. Hare, Eversley Aux.; Mrs. H. B. Gordon, Knox Aux., Toronto; Mrs. M. A. Burton, Knox Aux., Vaughan.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Barrie P.S.—Mrs. T. G. King, Orillia Aux. **Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.**—Mrs. David Robertson to Mrs. Alexander, Walkerton Aux. **Kingston P.S.**—Mrs. (Dr.) McTavish, to her family, St. Andrew's Ch., Belleville. **Maitland P.S.**—R. C. McKenzie, to his daughter, Miss Anna McKenzie by the S. School, Ashfield. **Lindsay P.S.**—Mrs. T. H. Beecroft by the Pres. Ch., Bolsover Aux.; Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan McPhail by their daughters, Sonya Aux.; Mrs. John McCully, by her husband, Wick Blackwater. **London P.S.**—Helen Bayne Gilmour to her mother Mrs. F. W. Gilmour, by Elmwood Ave. Aux., London. **Lanark and Renfrew P.S.**—Mrs. W. Clint from her daughter Mrs. J. O. Church, Westminster Ch., Smith's Falls. **Ottawa P.S.**—Mrs. D. Lennox, Y.W. Aux., Knox Ch., Ottawa; Mrs. M. G. Lennox, Y.W. Aux., Knox Ch., Ottawa; Mrs. A. Garvock, Knox Aux., Ottawa. **Paris P.S.**—Mrs. Bell, a member 47 years. Presented by her daughter, Evening Aux., Knox Ch., Woodstock. **Peterboro P.S.**—Miss Lillian Govan, by her sister Miss A. Govan, Campbellford; Mrs. R. W. Davidson, Ladies' Aid, St. Paul's Ch., Peterboro; Mrs. H. Lennox, wife of Rev. H. Lennox, by the W.M.S., Fort Frances. **Sarnia P.S.**—Graig Muir Van Volkenburg, to Mrs. L. G. Van Volkenburg, by the M.B., St. James Ch., Forest .

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Barrie P.S.—Miss Mary Shortt (2nd seal), St. Andrew's M.B., Barrie; Beatrice Hornsby, Marjorie Wilson (each 3rd seal), Helen Raaflank, Phyllis Adamson, Ruth Laidlaw, Gladys Lang, Paton M.B., Midland.

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In Loving Memory of:

"Of October 30," by St. Andrew and St. Paul Aux., Montreal; Mr. George Bond, by Outremont Aux.; Miss Mary Orr, by Mrs. C. W. Stackhouse, Riverfield and Howick Aux.; Mrs. T. W. Young, by her daughters, MacVicar Memorial Aux., Montreal; Miss Helen Henry, by Miss W. Fraser, St. Matthew's Aux., Montreal.

Correction.—The "In Memoriam" subscription given by Miss M. J. Metcalfe should be credited to St. Andrew's Aux., Hemmingford.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Mrs. Joseph Bremner, Swift Current Aux.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Orangeville P.S.—South Luther Associate Society.

Sarnia P.S.—Aberarder M.B.

Toronto P.S.—Central Church M.B., Toronto.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

Ontario

Paris P.S.—page 169—The address of Mrs. N. H. Wilson, Welcome and Welfare Secretary is 282, not 326, Dalhousie St., Brantford.

Quebec

Montreal P.S.—page 190—Huntingdon Aux. should be credited with $450., not $434.

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January and February, 1929

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A Friend, "Chinese work in Ontario"	$ 75.00
A Friend, "Chinese in Toronto"	25.00
Government grant, Birtle Indian School	3,431.87
Legacy, Estate of John S. Canham	100.00
Rent of House at Vegreville	40.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
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	$8,871.87

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital	$1,378.00
McMurray Hospital	288.32
Canora Hospital	950.00
Vegreville Hospital	650.00
Chinese work in Canada	1,070.58
Indian School, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	752.05
Indian School, Birtle	864.88
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	3,431.87
Indian School, Mistawasis	384.00
Huntingdon School Home	232.56
New Liskeard School Home	218.32
Saskatoon School Home	308.32
Prince Albert School Home	417.68
Vegreville School Home	1.705.50
Social Service	2,207.00
South China	714.57
Manchuria	901.25
India, Bhil Field	2,517.25
India, Gwalior	1,975.25
British Guiana	507.08
Formosa	7,920.16
Japan	596.25
Publications	965.29
Organization	1,452.20
Miscellaneous	772.38
Administration	918.38
Deputation	141.80
Supplies	250.10
Pension	150.00
Candidate	5.00
Student	26.20
	$34,672.24

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand December 31st, 1928	$123,912.09	
Receipts	8,871.87	
Disbursements		$34,672.24
Bank		40,058.11
Pension Fund		4,872.71
Legacy Fund		4,353.97
Sustaining Fund		37,659.68
Bonds		10,450.00
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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

ST. ANDREW'S Church, Ottawa, with a history dating back one hundred years, has been chosen as the Council Church of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), for 1929. Here, from May 28th to 31st, representatives of this organization, from British Columbia to the eastern boundaries of the Province of Quebec, will gather to deliberate on the national and overseas work and seek to lay wise plans for yet more efficient service in the days to come.

There will be nine sessions, beginning on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the Council will be constituted with prayer by the President, Mrs. Daniel Strachan. This session will be marked by the Presidential address and the presentation of the financial statement and the estimates. That day, rich in interest will be rounded out by the Young People's Meeting in the evening. On the following days, departmental work will be presented by the different Secretaries. These reports will be very brief, and at the close ample time will be devoted to discussion.

The outstanding meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday evening, when the speakers will be the Right Reverend, the Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. John Buchanan, M.D., of India, who will give an address on the work in the Bhil field, and the Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., of Hamilton, Convener of the Assembly's Board of Missions who will speak on the missionary work of the Church. Other honored guests who will be present and address the Council are: Miss Luella A. Crockett, who is under appointment to Manchuria; Miss Elise Barlow, of British Guiana; Dr. Margaret O'Hara, of India; Mrs. H. B. Currie, of the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man.; Miss L. Macarthur, port worker at Quebec; Miss Agnes I. Dickson, of Toronto, Miss Ethel Reid and Miss Jue of Montreal, and Miss Davies, of Brockville, workers among the Chinese; and Miss Edith A. Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary. We are also hoping that both Mrs. Gushue Taylor and Miss Senior, of Formosa, may be present and speak.

The meetings are all open to the public, and it is hoped that friends in the vicinity will take advantage of the opportunity of meeting our splendid workers and hearing for themselves the story of the work as it is unfolded from day to day in the Council.

The noontide meditation, the prayer meeting in the morning, and the discussions, are the main features round which the programme is built, and it is hoped that all will come prepared to make some contribution to the discussion.

Delegates to the Council will like to know that the ladies of St. Andrew's are arranging to have lunch served each day in the Church, also that the Council will be guests at tea of Ottawa Presbyterial on Tuesday evening and of Manotick Church on Thursday, and that a visit for sacred remembrance will be made to the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower at the close of the Wednesday afternoon session.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church was held in Toronto, March 19 to 23. Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., Convener, presided. Considered in review this meeting was the best in the history of the Board, the most wonderful part being the story of the way in which the Minority Groups throughout the Dominion are becoming self-sustaining congregations. In every report the dominant note was advance. The reports of the synodical missionaries teemed with optimism and were vibrant with stories of human interest and heroic service. The only problem facing the Church is the need for more men. The appointment of 192 students to man our fields in Canada during the summer, and the following list of appointees to the overseas fields, under the Board of Missions and the W.M.S. (East and West), is the most convincing proof of the growth of our Church, the increasing need of workers, and the ability of our Church to supply that need.

To overseas fields: Miss Ethel G. McDonald, Sydney Mines, N.S., to evangelistic work in Japan; Miss Luella Crockett, Hopewell, N.S., to Manchuria; Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Koffend, Toronto, to Manchuria; Dr. John Howie, Montreal, medical missionary to the Bhil field, India; Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Graham, Exeter, to the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Formosa; Chas. G. Wilson, London, to the Principalship of the high school at Berbice, British Guiana; A. A. Lowther, Toronto, to the Gwalior Mission, India. Since March, 1928, the following W.M.S. missionaries have been sent out: Miss Mary Murray, B.A., to British Guiana; Miss Jean McLean, to Japan; and Misses Dorothy Douglas, Margaret Ramsay and Ethel Chisholm, to Formosa.

To home mission fields: Miss Sibyl Crawford, to work among the Chinese of Vancouver; Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, as Deaconess-at-large in Vancouver and Mr. E. W. Byers, to the Principalship of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Ontario.

THE FAR-REACHING SIGNIFICANCE of the progress made by the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Canadian Bible Society, since the founding of these organizations one hundred and twenty-five and twenty-five years ago, respectively, found eloquent expression at an ''All-Dominion Demonstration,'' to commemorate the dual anniversary, in Massey Hall, Toronto, on March 21st. The speakers all emphasized the ever-increasing responsibility resting upon both Societies in fulfilling the supreme duty of Christianity—to carry the Word of God to men and women the world over. Figures showed that during the past year the British and Foreign Bible Society issued 9,936,714 copies of the Scripture in 608 languages. In Canada, the Bible was issued in 111 tongues, and 438,863 copies were circulated, while more than eleven million copies were distributed in the United States. The story was related how immigrants, on arriving in Canada, receive copies of the Bible printed in their native language with the English version opposite, so that while they are learning to appreciate the enduring truths of the Gospel they are also learning the language of this new land as New Canadians.

The President of the Canadian Bible Society in his address pointed out that ''It is God's will that we look beyond our own interests and the work we are doing to the great need of the world. We are talking about the peace of the world. The great motive power that will bring that day for which the whole world is waiting is the publication of the Word of God and a knowledge of the Gospel.''

Bonar Church, Toronto, witnessed an impressive ceremony on March 26th, when Rev. J. A. Koffend and Mrs. Koffend, of Toronto, were designated as missionaries to Manchuria, and Mr. Koffend was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The service was conducted by Toronto Presbytery. Rev. S. Lundy, the Moderator, presided, and was assisted in the service by Dr. Inkster, Dr. James Wilson, Rev. G. M. Dunn, Rev. W. Stoddart, and Rev. R. J. Koffend, pastor of Evangel Hall, Toronto, and father of the missionary. Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Koffend spent five years in South China and knows and loves the Chinese people, but unfortunately she has to learn the language spoken in Manchuria, which differs from that used in South China. The going forth of this young couple is a direct answer to the prayers of Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, veteran missionaries of our Church, for a married couple to take up the work they feel they soon may have to lay down. To our prayer list shall we not add the names of Mr. and Mrs. Koffend?

However distant a country may be, it gives a strange sense of nearness when we learn that the same customs prevail in both places. Take India for instance. How familiar this paragraph from Miss Williamson's letter sounds where she says: ''Miss Robson and I have been to Dohad twice. Miss Robson manages to drive through the narrow streets and all the traffic, which is not at all regulated. We send Bhim Singh ahead to clear the road. Great was our consternation when we were parked in a narrow street, getting supplies from one of the shops, to be informed that fifteen minutes was the limit for 'parking'! I am sure no one could ever get their wants supplied in an Indian shop in fifteen minutes, especially if they go to town about once a month.''

SPEAKING TO THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE LATELY, Miss Iris Munro, our port worker at Montreal, suggested that speakers on the Welcome and Welfare work remind the workers to send on names of workers; to ask the ladies to visit the newcomers more than once, it means a great deal to have the contact continued; to notify the port workers of people known to you who are coming to Canada, when, and by what steamer; offer to take newcomers to Church or the children to Sunday School. We need newcomers and they need us.

MISS LUELLA CROCKETT, formerly our missionary in South China, who is under appointment to Manchuria, was the missionary speaker at the Alberta and Saskatchewan Provincial annual meetings. Miss Crockett intends to do some work among the Chinese women and children in both these provinces before she returns to Toronto.

MISS KINNEY AND MISS CONNELL, our pioneer workers in Formosa, whose resignation has been referred to, have returned to Canada. Their place will be hard to fill for they rendered a unique service while in Formosa, and one that will not soon be forgotten. At the time of the enthronement of the Emperor, Miss Kinney was one of fifteen teachers honored by the Formosan Government. We rejoice also that due recognition was made of Mrs. Gauld's long service.

OUR HEARTS go out in tender sympathy to Miss Chisholm, our W.M.S. nurse in the ''Mackay Memorial Hospital,'' who had barely arrived in Formosa before she received word of the sad death of her brother.

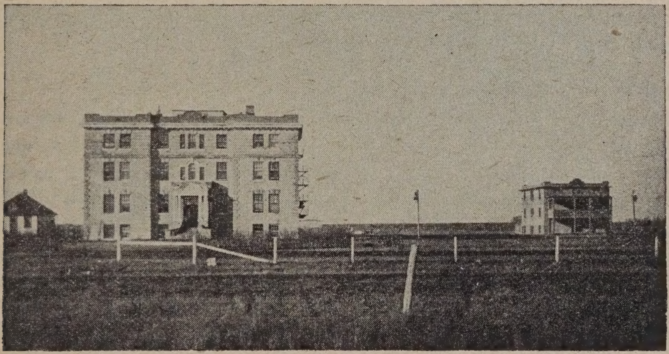
A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR which we greatly regret appears in the introduction to the Mission Band pageant on India and British Guiana, where an ''o'' was substituted for an ''a'' and our Miss Lang, one of the Committee which prepared the pageant, was introduced to the public as Miss Long. Apart from this everyone likes the appearance of the pageant and on looking it over exclaims, ''Won't the Mission Bands be glad to get this!''

Our National Mission Work

A Summary of Work Accomplished in 1928

HOSPITALS

Vegreville, Alta.—The ''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital has had a very busy year, 158 more patients having been treated than in 1927. A total of 532 patients were in the hospital, 272 medical cases, 176 surgical, and 84 obstetrical, with only 11 deaths, 1 surgical, 7 medical and 3 still-born babies. Miss A. L. McPherson, the efficient Superintendent, says that many times during the year, they have felt the need of a larger building, for often they have had to put beds in every possible corner. The Hospital Aid have continued their generous help, and kindly offered to assist in buying an X-ray machine, which is much needed, but as there was no possible space in the hospital for it, their generous offer could not be accepted.



"Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.
Nurses' Home (right) and Isolation Building (left).

Canora, Sask.—The ''Hugh Waddell'' Memorial Hospital has just completed a most successful year, in every way. There were 735 patients admitted, which was 133 more than in 1927. There were 240 surgical operations and 63 obstetrical cases. The percentage of deaths from operations was only .74%, and one is delighted to note that not a single mother lost her life in child-birth. Also no infections developed in the hospital in either medical, surgical or obstetrical cases. The staff consists of the Superintendent, Miss M. W. Cuddy, five graduate nurses, two ward helpers and one orderly. The financial statement was excellent. Grateful appreciation is due the Hospital Aid of Canora for their splendid gift of a new sterilizer, which was installed early in June. Many improvements have been made during the year, among these being the renovating both inside and out of the Isolation Hospital.

Fort McMurray, Alta.—During the year 5 patients were treated in this little three-bed, log hospital, 33 in their homes and 187 visits were made. Miss Olive Ross, the Superintendent, thinks that a great change is about to take place in that vast north country. There is to be a change of railways in the spring; the air mail is extending farther north, and the Hudson's Bay Company is increasing its service. A capable minister who would cope with the situation would fill a great want. As it is the adults are becoming more indifferent as the years go by. Fortunately, the children attend Sunday School regularly, even in the very cold weather.

South Porcupine, Ont.—This ten-bed hospital has provided good service since its opening in February, 1926, the majority of the patients being workers in the various mines in this district. Some 206 patients were admitted during last year, including 97 surgical cases operatibe, and 20 non-operative. In addition, there were 21 obstetrical cases and 23 babies, the latter including two pairs of twins. Representatives of 16 nationalities were treated, Canada heading the list with 33.

SCHOOL HOMES

Vegreville, Alta.—During the year, there have been 46 pupils enrolled in the two Homes. The school work has been very satisfactory, one girl having obtained first in grade X. The same girl received a medal for highest marks in French. In Sunday School, the record was equally good. Thirty-eight were enrolled. Two senior boys and one girl teach in the Sunday School. There were 116 awards for memory work, including certificates and seals. In the Bible class, under Rev. A. Robertson, there are from 16 to 20 boys. The Sunday School raised $25.89, which was used for papers and leaflets. The ''David Livingstone'' Mission Band meets once a month. The children take full charge. There are 50 on the roll. During the winter, the Church services were held in the school. Vegreville was honored by a visit from the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, who told the children of the work among the Bhils.

New Liskeard, Ont.—Six girls and 3 boys are resident in the Home. The school work has been good, nearly all having obtained first class honors. Attendance at St. Andrew's Church was regular. All entered into the activities of the Young People's Organization, Mission Band, and C.G.I.T. Two of the girls received the Assembly Diploma for regular attendance at Church and Sunday School. The Home is filling a need, the evidence being the appreciation expressed by the parents at the end of the term.

Huntingdon, Que.—This Home was opened September 7th, with an enrollment of 12, 6 boys and 6 girls, owing to changes at the close of the term, there were 9 boys and 4 girls. The pupils attend the Huntingdon

Academy, and have very favorable reports. Two of the students are taking matriculation work, one intending to enter the ministry, and the other the teaching profession. Attendance at St. Andrew's Church is regular. The boys over twelve belong to the Standon Club, one being President. The older boys are studying the catechism, and a prize is given for perfect recitation. Every Saturday morning, Dr. MacLean gives a literature lesson to the children.

Prince Albert, Sask.—Twelve girls have been in the Home, 4 of whom are wards of the W.M.S. Six attend the collegiate, 4 the public school, and one, business college. All are good students, and realize the sacrifices being made to give them an education. The girls attend St. Paul's Church and Sunday School. The Home with its new furnishings is very attractive and the Superintendent reports that all are contented and happy.

Some of the girls at the "Lucy M. Baker" Home, Prince Albert, Sask.

Saskatoon, Sask.—It has been a busy year. All the girls who returned to town who had been in the Home last year, were again in residence. The question as to the need of a Home in this district has been answered by many expressions of satisfaction and confidence from parents whose daughters are resident in the Home. One mother expressed her gratitude thus: "It is good to know, as night comes on, that our girl is safe and in good care." Every girl in the Home is a member of the "Blue Banner" class, which is affiliated with the W.M.S. The work of the class includes Bible study, mission study, an interesting entertainment once a month, and an effort is made to bring the girls into contact with interesting persons who may be available. A short service of worship is held each morning and evening, in which Miss Brell has given valuable assistance. Miss Pelton is always a very welcome visitor. The World Day of Prayer was observed in the Home, six of the girls taking part.

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Mistawasis, Sask.—The very name is fragrant with memories of Lucy Baker and her early work among these people. Little wonder that although the Presbyterian Church had not held services here for nearly ten years, the Indians remained loyal to the Presbyterian Church. ''They are such staunch Presbyterians that really we should be very proud of them.'' Now there is a congregation there of 50 with a W.M.S. Auxiliary of 23 fine intelligent women. For some time the tribe has been petitioning church and government for a school and after much negotiation the Government has permitted the W.M.S. to open an improved day school, with five allowed to remain over night. Miss Sadie McQueen has been appointed teacher. Fourteen treaty and 4 non-treaty children were present the first day, aged from 5 to 14. Hot dinner is served to all at noon, as distances from home are great. ''I wish you could realize how much the chief and his band appreciate the opening of the school,'' Miss McQueen says, ''and how nice the children are.'' The work here will never be large but is a real ministration to need in a scattered community.

Boys at Birtle School.

''*Cecilia Jeffrey,*'' *Ont.*—The main event of the year has been the building of the new school, 2 miles from Kenora post office, a happy change from the former isolated site, where doctors and supplies were so difficult to obtain. Seventy children were at the school all year and 5 new little boys lately began their school life. The average attendance other years has been 61, 60 and 66. This year it is 69.9. Eleven were discharged during the year, having reached the age limit. A successful Christmas gathering was held although the supplies came too late and gifts had to be purchased. One hundred Indians came for dinner the day of the celebration and a goodly number the next day, having mistaken the date! The supplies sent are much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Menzies and the staff have done very fine work. The Mission Band sent $55 in to the Presbyterial funds, and $250 was received from the staff, half for the Budget, half for the W.M.S. We hope to occupy part of the new school in May, and to be in full running order by September 1st.

Birtle.—Mr. and Mrs. Currie have greatly improved conditions in Birtle Indian Boarding School where the staff of 11 has had a busy year. The crop on the school farm was fair and 750 bushels of barley, 1,400 bushels of oats, 85 bushels of wheat, and 50 tons of hay were garnered in. Mr. Currie has had phenomenal success with the school herd, with 12 pure bred Shorthorn cows. As the result of the year's work these took 12 prizes at Birtle show, 8 firsts and 4 other prizes, and one calf was sold for $100 and another for $75. This means a fine training in stock raising for the boys. Good work has also been done in the school room. Three pupils tried the entrance and all passed. Two are now attending high school in Birtle and live at our school. Sufficient tribute can scarcely be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Currie, who with their efficient staff have carried on this work. We hope that another year will see the burden lightened by the eagerly anticipated new buildings to be put up by the Indian Department of the Government.

CHINESE IN CANADA

Kindergarten classes for children of pre-school age are a feature of the work in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. The children attending these classes open the homes for the entrance of the teachers and missionary with the gospel message. Besides the daily lessons, the scriptures and hymns are taught and thus the seed of the Word is being sown in the hearts of 117 children when the memory is most retentive and the heart most impressionable.

Victoria—The kindergarten with 36 pupils is taught by Miss Scott, with Miss Chan as assistant and interpreter. Twenty-seven of the more advanced children come in the afternoon for lessons under Mrs. Macqueen. An Auxiliary of 11 members is conducted by Mrs. Macqueen and Miss Chan, and a Mission Band of 40, by Miss Scott. The study books have been used by both organizations. Besides offerings of $38.65, the Auxiliary prepared a box of supplies valued at $13.25. Miss Scott has a music class of 28 pupils connected with the Mission. Mrs. Macqueen teaches English to 7 young women in their homes. The Sunday School has 96 pupils. Our three workers are teachers. David Lee, a former pupil, is pursuing his medical studies in Shanghai. The Sunday School gave a donation towards his expenses. He is supported mainly by the Chinese of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ont., and not Knox Church as was inadvertently reported last year. Seven attend the night school.

Vancouver—The kindergarten with 35 pupils was taught by Miss Lawrence and Miss Dickman. The Mission Band made scrap books, dolls, etc., for the supply department. Their offerings were $14.85. The Sunday School averaged 60, the cradle roll numbered 45. A C.G.I.T. Group of 8 have given fine help in the Church activities. Seven receive instruction in music. The resignation of Miss Gertrude Lawrence caused deep regret. Miss Sibyl Crawford takes her place.

Saskatchewan—Mrs. Walter Martin, of Regina, a voluntary worker, has visited the Chinese at many points in the province and arranged a system of distributing literature monthly to them. Miss Sibyl Crawford, a graduate deaconess, spent several months in the province last summer ministering to 30 women with great acceptance.

Jimmie Louie, Regina, Sask.
Two and a half years old.

Toronto — Miss Agnes I. Dickson, formerly of South China, is our missionary. The kindergarten organized in October, with 18 pupils, is held in the Chinese Y.M.C.I. A Daily Vacation Bible School held in July with an enrollment of 36 was very popular. A Saturday afternoon class of 18 children proves of great interest to the little folks who love to sew and play and learn scripture. Miss Dickson has charge of the Chinese primary department in Cooke's Church Sunday School. A service for women is held in Chinese on Sabbath afternoon. Five women receive lessons in Chinese in their homes, and all the women are visited. Total offerings from all Chinese work were $215.73 Miss Dickson also visited the women in Brampton and conducted a monthly Sabbath service for women and girls in Hamilton. During Miss Dickson's illness Mrs. Oldfield, a worker from South China and Miss Luella Crockett, our South China missionary, took charge. Valuable assistance was rendered throughout the year by Miss Temperton and Miss Lambert.

Brockville—Five men, 2 women and 8 children returned to China in 1928, 6 of these had professed faith in Christ and 7 were in Miss Davies' class—a fine contribution to the winning of China for Christ. In the 14 towns visited there is a total of 357 Chinese. These all received Chinese literature for devotional study.

Montreal—Miss Ethel C. Reid, our missionary here, is ably assisted by Miss Hattie Jue. The kindergarten has grown from 14 in 1927 to 24 in 1928. Chinese reading and writing is taught also English. Very fine scripture memory work is done by these little folks. Miss Reid also goes to see the mothers in their homes and conducts a monthly meeting for women. She visited 24 women in twelve places in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, few speak English and they greatly appreciated the missionary visit. Much valuable voluntary service is also given.

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Welcome and Welfare.—This department has been enlarged during the past year and its service extended during the immigration season. Additional port and station workers have been engaged and cross city and house to house visitation carried on. During the summer months our Church will be represented at Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. Names of all Presbyterian new comers to the port of Quebec will be forwarded to ministers and secretaries wherever possible. The staff comprises 11 permanent and 7 temporary workers. A leaflet was prepared for use in districts where there is no Presbyterian Church, extending greetings and a welcome to Canada and to our Church and containing information. Free literature, Sabbath School papers and our magazine will be sent to any of those who request them. Prompt reporting and forwarding of names of removals help to follow up our people and keep up Church connections.

Deaconess Department.—Hospital visiting and relief are also features of this department. Care of the needy ones as well as the strangers, assistance to summer camps to mothers and children, clubs and classes for young women are some of the means used in endeavor to reach and hold for our Church, those who otherwise may lapse into carelessness. The Social Service is of an evangelistic type, and while ministering to temporal welfare and necessity, is ever striving to present Him whose loving kindness endureth forever and who is rich to all who call upon Him.

LIBRARY

Alberta—Calgary Presbyterial sent Sunday School papers, *Glad Tidings, Presbyterian Records,* etc., to 6 points, 3 Auxiliaries sharing in this work. Grace Auxiliary sent also 200 books, 4 Bibles and 1 encyclopedia to Vegreville School Homes. In Edmonton Presbyterial, First Church, Westmount, St. Andrew's, Rupert St., and Strathcona Auxiliaries sent out a great deal of literature. The Y.W.M.S. of First Church sent books to British Guiana, and large parcels to 5 different points. Evarts received 3 Bibles to be used as prizes. Vermilion Group deserves credit for their distribution of literature. Most of the literature is sent directly to individuals in the Peace River District.

British Columbia—Victoria Presbyterial reports: ''Sunday Schools in British Guiana received a subscription to the *Sunday School Times,* books, Sunday School papers, picture rolls, post cards, scripture calendars, magazines and a Bible dictionary. Good literature has been sent to lumber camps and outlying districts, the Stranger's Rest and hospitals in Victoria. Westminster Presbyterial sent thousands of magazines and Sunday School papers, and 600 books. The hospitals at Vancouver, New Westminster, Tranquille Sanatorium and isolated places were supplied with books and magazines. The Scandinavian Mission received magazines and books. Pulpit Bibles went to Alberni, Kitsilano, and Canoe. Four Sunday School libraries were sent to Minority Groups in the interior. Kootenay Presbyterial sent picture rolls and Sunday School papers to Sunday Schools and families in outlying districts.''

Manitoba—Many ways to help others have been found this year. The Library Secretary of Neepawa Auxiliary works in the way the Provincial Secretary advocates, that is, sending small parcels at a time and sending regularly. There were 83 parcels and some boxes sent during the year. The Provincial Secretary wrote to each missionary on the new fields and to other places where there might be an opportunity of helping in this way, and received two addresses of isolated families in a new district, in one there is a number of boys and girls. Literature sent out this year by congregations and individuals greatly exceeds that of former years.

Ontario—Library work is so varied and has such a human touch that it appeals strongly to all the members of the Society. In order to find new fields for our labors, a letter was sent to managers of mining, lumber and construction companies, and their replies were most encouraging. Besides the literature sent to the above camps, yearly subscriptions were sent to individuals, several Sunday School libraries were established, Minority Groups got hymnals and pulpit Bibles. Isolated settlers received books and magazines. There were gospels for the sick and catechisms for little children, when Church and Sunday Schools were too far away. Picture rolls went overseas, calendars to British Guiana, and our nurses in South Porcupine received books regularly. Church papers have been placed in Sunday School libraries. A manager of one of the lumber camps writes: ''Reading matter helps us to keep up the good spirit in the camp, and anything you may send us will be greatly appreciated. The books and magazines when read by the men in one camp are returned to the clerk in charge and passed on to the next camp, and kept for the next year, until the constant handling defaces them to uselessness.'' An interesting feature of the work this year has been the requests for literature for newcomers to the country. These requests came through the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries. We are pleased to fill these and in this way aid these new settlers. If the aims and ideals we are striving for are to be reached and accomplished, all must use their influence, so that nothing is distributed through our Society, that can in any way bring discredit upon our efforts.

Quebec—Several Churches in Montreal subscribed for newspapers and magazines for our Mission at Rouyn, and St. Andrew's, Quebec, and St. Andrew's, Sherbrooke, sent boxes of books, magazines and papers. Stanley Auxiliary sent a subscription to magazines for Fort McMurray Hospital and the Girls' School at Vegreville, and 61 books and a teacher's Bible to Tyndale House Mission, to which Danville sent magazines. British Guiana received books, Sunday School papers, picture cards, rolls and magazines from St. Matthews, Montreal, Scotstown, Inverness, Flodden, Milan and Sherbrooke. Magazines were sent to Sailor's Inland Mission, Old Brewery Mission, hospitals and other institutions. Adderley sent hymn books to the Huntingdon School Home.

Saskatchewan—Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial collected quantities of Sunday School papers, *Glad Tidings, Presbyterian Records,* scrap books, and picture cards. These were given to Mr. Johnson, who owns the Sunday School van, and carried to remote and scattered districts. Quantities of magazines and other good literature were sent to hospitals, school homes and individuals. Some Auxiliaries subscribed for extra copies of the *Glad Tidings* and distributed them to those who were not acquainted with this interesting periodical.

SUPPLIES

The 1928 allocations of supplies were prepared from the lists of requirements submitted by the Council Secretaries of National Missions—Hospitals, Educational, Social Service and Orientals in Canada, and from the requests sent in by the Synodical missionaries and Presbytery's Home Mission Conveners. The aim of this department is to meet these requests in a way that will suggest that the hearts of our members are engaged in our work as well as their heads and hands.

The new work undertaken included, the furnishing of our School Home in Huntingdon, Quebec. Equipment and supplies were provided for a home to accommodate 25 children. Funds for the furnishing of the matron's rooms were provided by a special gift from Knox-Crescent Auxiliary, Montreal. British Columbia Provincial contributed $150.00 from the supply fund to furnish a dormitory. When our Church established a Mission at Rouyn, a mining centre in Northern Quebec, the Women's Missionary Society was asked to co-operate. We provided the necessary equipment for a reading room and night school. We also furnished the dining room and kitchen in the Chinese Mission House in Vancouver. The purchases were made in Vancouver by the Provincial Executive. We are pleased to acknowledge a cheque from the Dominion Government for $245.85, the amount paid for freight on bales to our Indian schools. This refund is obtained on presentation of : *Invoice Forms*, showing the quantity and value of the supplies; *Receipted Shipping Bills*, showing weight and amount of freight charges; *Receipt Slips* signed by the person to whom the supplies are shipped. Hence the importance of careful attention to these details.

Encouraging reports have been received from all the Provincial Supply Secretaries.

The success of the year's work is due to the efforts of our devoted members in Auxiliaries, Associate Societies, Young Women's Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. Groups and Mission Bands, who "like Dorcas plied their needles with songs on their lips and prayers in their hearts" that no link in the chain of supplies would be weak or wanting. Not less important is the service rendered by the Presbyterial and Provincial Supply Secretaries who pack and ship the bales, who attend to all the details in connection with the shipping and who prepare and forward the necessary vouchers and reports.

LANTERN SLIDES

The Assembly's Board of Missions, the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, and the Women's Missionary Society co-operate in providing the slides.

During the year sets on our mission work in Canada, British Guiana, Japan and Korea, and Formosa have been in circulation in the various provinces, and more recently, those on the Gwalior and the Bhil fields. Most encouraging reports have been received, testifying to the wonderful impression the pictures made. In Ontario they have been shown in about 130 places. Regret was expressed that many churches had no lantern. If lanterns were available, the slides could be used in many places where they would be very helpful. We trust that all departments of the church will make still greater use of the slides and so gain a more intimate knowledge of our national and overseas work.

Organizations desiring the slides are asked to apply to the distributor of their province. The slides are free except for cost of transportation both ways, and a charge to cover replacement should any breakage occur.

Evangelistic Work in Sardi

MISS CHRISTINA MAXWELL

IT is about ten days since I came to Sardi, not to camp, as I did before, but to bring my belongings and set up housekeeping.

I am very thankful for the opportunity I had to get to know the people of the Amkhut district. These Bhils bear getting acquainted with. Sometimes one feels like calling some of the grown-ups ''children,'' but that may apply to some of the people of any race or country. I became very much attached to the Amkhut Christians, even the unruly ones, for they do not all walk the ''chalk line.'' Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan have done such thorough evangelistic work among them and again and again I praised God very especially as I saw the fruits of their labor. And, of course, Miss Robson's work is priceless. It needs, however, to be accompanied with much evangelistic effort and prayer. It is not necessarily the greatest amount of knowledge that brings glory to Jesus' name, but rather the use we make of whatever education we have. From a physical standpoint it is comparatively easy to teach the women who were school girls, but we have to be willing and prepared to teach and to work for the salvation of the untaught women also, for all of our advance evangelistic effort is among such. I am so cast upon the Lord in prayer for this latter work, inasmuch as the dialect of the Bhils is not the written Hindi. I have studied the one gospel, Mark, which we have written in Bhili and have made other efforts to learn, so that now I can say a little and can understand much more than I can speak. I can easily tell whether the gospel message meets my approval or not. I do not always say anything when it does not, but I try gradually and mildly to encourage them to uplift the name of Jesus without fear or favor. There is no danger of the Bible women or men ever being rude. They always show love and honor towards their non-Christian neighbors. There is danger of the Bible women coming a little short of telling the true way of salvation and life provided they think their hearers do not want to hear it. If there is one demand more than another that the Christians and non-Christians make upon us missionaries, it is that we love them. It seems to me in the home life of the Bhils there is more love manifested for one another than I have seen in other nationalities. Jesus alone can supply their one great need. And He is ready to do it. The fact that this field does not call for social uplift work, (as the Gospel work among Hindus and Mohammedans does) should only make us more in earnest to enter this open door and do the work that calls so loudly. If we could just realize that this is a whitened harvest the like of which there is not another in India, and get the reapers in here at the task while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

When I was teaching the noon Bible class in Amkhut, which Mrs. Buchanan had taught, and saw how some of those old unlearned women love Jesus and know Him as their Saviour, I was sure that missions pay. When I came over here and found that one of the new Christian women is to pray each day in our Bible class, and that she has put very sweet words about Jesus to two Bhil tunes, and is teaching them to us so nicely, I said these Bhils are surely jewels for our King Jesus and we must tell them about Him. Two of the women who became Christians after they were grown and married and so have had no teaching from us (we are teaching one of them to read and want to teach the other one also) do the neatest and strongest sewing of the class of twelve Christian women, who come daily to help make little clothes for the Christian children for Christmas.

If you could see the lovely little Bhil boy who is standing here helping me write this letter, you would fall desperately in love with at least one Bhil I am sure. How can I give you a picture of him? He is four years old, his face is almost the prettiest I ever saw, and he is just as smart and good as you find them. His name is Annund, which means ''gladness'' and he seems true to his name. His mother is one of my Bible women and he is one of her very well-trained children. There are four others almost as near me as he is and, when I see their bright faces and hear their sweet chatter I can hardly refrain from telling about each one of them. One is ''Sherene'' a little girl of two and a half years and her face, if possible, is more attractive than Annund's. They have sat down now to sing me a song about Jesus.

There is no village nor even market at Sardi, it is just a farming district, with numerous little Bhil homes, because the farms are small.

First thing in the morning I have a Bible class with the women who are working on repairing the building and cleaning up the place. Some of the Christians can read and some cannot. There are a few non-Christians and, of course, none of them read. I am trying to help each one to pray. If they do not read, it is all the more reason why they must have the blessing and privilege of prayer. At the same time that our class with the women is going on, Nukubhai has a Bible class with the men. Then they all go to work. They act just like one happy family while they are working, not one bit like hired laborers.

Then we ring another bell and all the women (ten or twelve) who are coming to the afternoon sewing class, come for Bible study and prayer, which lasts between one and two hours. When we ring the one p.m. bell they come for two hours' sewing. At odd times I go to their homes to visit or help them. As soon as we have this Christmas sewing done the Bible women and I will go out daily either to Christian or non-Christian homes. I love the time that we spend together in the sewing class. Nearly every woman has a baby in her lap as she sews. Sometimes they have as many as three kiddies with them, the older ones playing around usually happy as larks. Sometimes we have a chorus of crying.

I would love to have an assistant, and I think, aside from our being company for each other, that two could accomplish more than twice what one can. There is so much to be done. We ought to be helping each Christian woman who does not read until she can at least read her Bible. How can we expect them to be proper Christians unless they are able to read God's Word and get food for their souls! We could spend lots of time on the Christians, and then there is a large non-Christian district beckoning to us.

The first year or more is devoted mostly to study and we would like to see others getting ready. I am so thankful we have Miss Williamson and Miss McConnell. And Mrs. Toombs is a valuable addition to our staff. On account of having some help from Miss Williamson, Miss Robson is doing some advance work. She is opening two new district schools and taking the oversight of this one at Sardi, which pleases me very much.

A Canadian Indian Girl's Gratitude

"THERE are a lot of things I want to say but I don't seem to know where to start. I have ever so many things to be thankful for that the staff have done.

"I would like very much to come to school after holidays as I feel this is my home where I was brought up. If my father consents I'll come with the others.

"As to what I'm going to do during holidays. It will be my best conduct. Will try to do the good and be my best self. I will remember what you have tried to teach us. I may not remember your words but I have the thoughts I think, and most sincerely you have helped me to see clearly what life you want us to live. I will observe the Sunday. I will be clean and neat. I will try to be clean in word and thought and deed. Will always remember to say my prayers. And I hope to speak a little for Jesus. I will try to make them understand that there is a better way than the one they are living now.

"This will be all and hope to remember my promises. This is how I'm going to show my gratitude."

Telling The Story of Jesus in Jhansi

REPORT OF ONE OF OUR BIBLE WOMEN

ON the 8th I began my work. I sang three bhajans, and explained their meaning, told the story of the birth of Christ. Women listened very attentively, and ten were present.

9th.—I went to a Brahmin home, sang two bhajans, and taught them about the sin of Adam and Eve. I gave the children who were present a picture card, and to the women four tracts. There were twenty-one present.

10th.—To-day is a Hindu festival so I found no women at home.

11th.—I went to three homes, sang three bhajans, and explained the story of the prodigal son in one home, story of Cain and Abel in another, and in the third home gave the story of the death of Christ. In the three homes there were twelve present, but as yet I have not found one who can read.

12th.—I went to four homes of the warrior caste. Here I sold a bhajan book and talked on the birth of Christ. In some homes there were three women, in some two, and in some only one. All heard the word gladly.

13th.—I went to a high caste Brahmin's home. Here there was talk about the lack of rain. I told them the story of Elijah and Baal, and how God gave rain. Sang a bhajan.

14th.—I went to a storekeeper's home. There were many women gathered. After singing a song we had a talk concerning life after death.

15th.—Saturday—rest day.

16th.—I went to three homes, sang songs, explaining meaning of some. In one home I told the story of the rich young ruler, in another I told the story of Elijah because they were worried over the lack of rainfall.

17th.—Women not at home. All away doing worship.

18th.—I went to another village close by. Here the people heard the bhajans gladly. I also told them a Bible story. Many women and children were gathered.

19th.—I went to a Brahmin's home and I sang a bhajan, and talked of Christ as our Mediator. As yet I have not found one who could read or has a desire to do so. Therefore I have sold no books. But the women have seen a vision of God, but from fear of results will not acknowledge Him.

20th.—I went into a house where they knew something about God, having heard His bhajans in a Christian Women's Hospital. They listened very attentively.

21st.—I went to the home of the head man of the village, but the people said they had no time to listen. My call was very short and little accomplished but I managed to get one Bible story told.

22nd.—Saturday.

23rd.—I went to a Brahmin home and found five women and twenty-five children present for Sunday School. I sang two bhajans, gave out pictures and tracts. They listened attentively but as yet none have learned to sing the bhajans alone. I hope that God will bless my work and that He will give me fruit.

24th.—I went to five homes and began my work with a song, and told them many words from the Bible, relating the story of the man who said he would build greater barns to hold his store, but God called him home that night. There were ten women present.

25th.—I went to four homes. First sang a song, then told the story of Lazarus and Dives. Again ten were present.

26th.—I taught four women and told them the story of the creation of both world and man.

27th.—A worship day so nothing accomplished.

28th.—Went to four homes, sang a bhajan and told the story of Christ our Mediator. Six women were present.

29th.—Saturday.

30th.—In one home were gathered the women and children and I told them the story of Lazarus, Mary and Martha, gave out picture cards. Twenty-four were present.

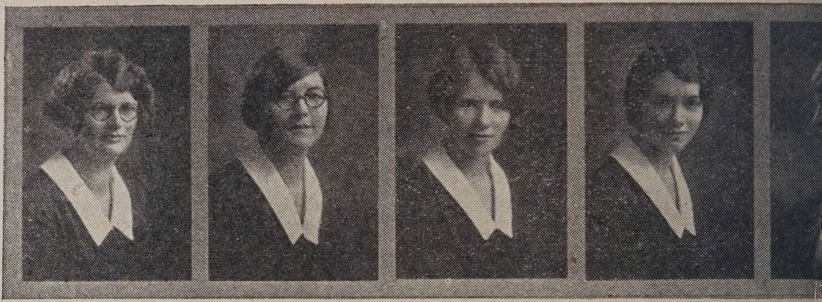
Dear Miss Sahiba:

''From my report you will know that this month I did work in twenty homes, telling them stories from the Bible, singing bhajans, and explaining passages they could not understand. In the homes there were five to fifteen present, both women and children listening attentively. On Sundays I had a Sunday School in which from twenty to thirty were present. I sold them three song books. I have given out all my cards and tracts even if the women cannot read because their husbands can. Whatever I tell to them they listen attentively. My hope for the future is this, that God will hear my prayers and help me.''

In Christ

Yours servant,
Mrs. Paul.

Graduation Exercises of the Miss



Ruby Johnston Hazel Deane Lois McRae Edna Rogers Miss

ON the evening of April 11th, Knox College Chapel, Toronto, was the scene of the closing exercises of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home. The service was beautiful in its simplicity and in keeping with the attitude of the mind and heart of the young women who were, as Dr. William Barclay, of Hamilton, in his address so beautifully expressed it, ''Going out to seek to touch the lives of the womanhood of the nation and to exemplify all that is lovely, pure and of good report.'' Dr. Barclay also told of the deaconess movement in Scotland, which was begun in 1887 by Dr. Charters, and received great impetus when Lady Grizel Bailey became the first deaconess of the Church of Scotland. It was Dr. Lang, father of the present Archbishop of Canterbury, who gave the deaconesses the beautiful name of ''The Beatitudes''.

Dr. John Stenhouse acted as chairman, and told of the need of a good library, an isolation house for the Home and the necessity for a pension scheme for deaconesses.

Miss Winifred Ferguson, the Principal, in her report gave abundant evidence of the growth and development of the Home in the increase of registered students from one, in 1926, to twenty-one, in 1929. These with two third year medical students in residence made a family of 23. There are eight graduates, Miss Ethel Chisholm, a nurse, from Nova Scotia, left for Formosa in February under appointment of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), making nine girls available for work during the year. Of these six were appointed to the home field and three to overseas fields. This is in contrast to last year when there were three for the home field and six for overseas fields. Of the graduating class all except one will be assigned to work under the W.M.S., East and West. The twelve in the

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junior class will be engaged in some form of practical Church work during the summer. Miss Ferguson also touched on the volume of social service and church work done by the students in training, and the uniformly high standard of scholarship which they had attained.

Rev. John McNab presented the class certificates and Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., on behalf of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, made the presentation of the Teacher Training certificates, and the certificates from the School of Missions.

Rev. S. Lundie, Moderator of Presbytery, presented diplomas to the following graduates:

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, Guelph, Ontario, who will assume the post of deaconess at large in Vancouver under the W.M.S. (W.D.); Miss Rose Paton, Dutton, Ontario, who will be attached to Scott Institute, Toronto, under the W.M.S. (W.D.); Miss Lois McRae, Toronto, who will become Church deaconess in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, under the Deaconess Board; Miss Mary Tawse, Guelph, Ontario, who will resume her work as Superintendent in the Redemptive Home, N.S.; Miss Ethel MacDonald, who has been appointed to work among the Koreans in Japan under the W.M.S. (E.D.); Miss Edna Rogers, New Glasgow, N.S., who. circumstances permitting, will proceed to British Guiana under the W.M.S. (E.D.), and Miss Hazel Deane, and Miss Ruby Johnston, Newcastle, N.B., who will work in Canada under the W.M.S. (E.D.). In addition to these was Miss Ethel Chisholm of Blue Mountain, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, a nurse, who went to Formosa in February under the W.M.S. (W.D.).

The following twelve first year students received certificates: Miss Beatrice Bernath, Toronto; Miss Annie Beaton, Scotstown, Que.; Miss

Francis Blair, Mimico, Ont.; Miss Ellen Douglas, New Westminster, B.C.; Miss Isabella Hunter, For William, Ont.; Miss Margaret Jamieson, Mimico, Ont.; Miss Gladys Murphy, Colonial P.O., C.B.; Miss Catherine Moodie, New Westminster, B.C.; Miss Dora Selkirk, Killam, Alta.; Miss Helen Ross, Chesley, Ont.; Miss Mary Todd, Ailsa Craig, Ont.

Mr. R. J. Lillico, President of the Board, officiated at the presentation of scholarships and awards. The general proficiency scholarship given by the W.M.S. Ivy, Ontario, was won by Miss Lois McRae, Toronto; Miss Ethel MacDonald, Sydney Mines, C.B., won the scholarship in proficiency in Bible subjects and Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, Guelph, won the essay scholarship; Miss Rose Paton and Miss Edna Rogers won awards for highest marks.

Kind Words for "The Glad Tidings"

''We thank you very warmly for sending us *The Glad Tidings.* It is full of interest and inspiration and makes us feel how close is the bond that unites us in our work of spreading the gospel in the dark places of the earth.''—W.M.A., Sydney, Australia.

''*The Glad Tidings* is just running over with good things. How I wish every woman in our church would read it.''

''That *The Glad Tidings* is firmly established in the hearts of the membership of our Church, that it has yielded rich fruit and has amply justified its existence is abundantly proven in the reports presented by the twenty-four Presbyterial Secretaries.''

''Growth has been encouraged as the soil has been warmed by the sunshine of glad tidings of our work. When a small and struggling Auxiliary increased by nine I never felt so happy over anything,'' writes an enthusiastic Secretary.

And think of the warmth created by these words, ''One Auxiliary doubled its number, in another Auxiliary every member of the W.M.S., all Home Helpers, also a number of outsiders subscribed for *The Glad Tidings.*''

''No other publication of the same nature surpassed it, not one word has been printed in it at which another denomination could take offence.''

On being asked to renew her subscription, one lady remarked, ''I want to drop the *Glad Tidings.*'' The answer came promptly, ''Try dropping it in your neighbor's home!''

''Let us remember that *The Glad Tidings* is not just forty pages of 500 words, but 40 leaves plus the vision of women, girls and little children, whose richness of service and gifts has made the W.M.S. the force it is.''

A Little Chinese Boy For Sale

An incident that happened at Szepingkai, Manchuria, some months ago, is thus described by our missionary, Miss Graham:

"One day we heard some one calling loudly in the street below. It was bitterly cold. I opened my window to hear and see. There was a respectable looking woman with sorrow-stained face offering to sell her bonny boy of about four years of age. She was carrying him in a basket over her shoulder in Chinese fashion. There the basket sat in the snow and the boy sleeping peacefully. The woman unfolded a tale of sorrow, of the ravages of war and famine and compulsory flight to these inhospitable regions. Passers-by admonished her not to be so foolish. But she said she was absolutely at the end of her strength and resources. It was a most pathetic sight. We helped her a little and she moved away we know not where to. Such poverty in the sight of plenty! Not far from us in the railway yards there are acres and acres of bags of soya beans piled in high heaps together with grains from all this fertile region, waiting to be transported to other countries. Such mammoth supplies of beans need to be seen to be believed. China's wealth is incalculable if wisely worked and used."

DO'S AND DON'T'S

HINT 1: When you have a special speaker, give her a chance to tell her story early in the meeting. Do not call on her at four o'clock or nine-thirty o'clock, when everyone is tired. It is neither courteous to the speaker nor kind to the audience.

HINT 2: It is not wise to tell your problems and difficulties to the speaker before the meeting. Save them until after her message has been given, when her mind will be free to consider them sympathetically with you and talk them over.

HINT 3: Don't be diffident about the question of expenses. It is a pure matter of business and should be treated as such by both the speaker and the Treasurer. In these days of long distance travel, taxi fares and meals on the train are a necessity and should be included, as very often a speaker has important duties to discharge and domestic arrangements to make which prevent her taking even a hasty meal at home or trusting the street cars to get her to the station on time. Should the meeting be in a city, street car fare should be provided when it is not possible to send a motor for the speaker.

These remarks are made in no spirit of fault finding, but are merely put down for the information of those who may be planning for speakers and have not had a great deal of experience in such matters.

OUR LETTER BOX

Ancient and Modern Customs in Canton

Hackett Medical College, Canton, China.

''On New Year's day we climbed the famous White Cloud mountain. The day was fine and the view simply wonderful. We visited one or two of the noted temples, there are quite a number up on the sides of the mountain, some are just ruins, others are in good repair and in use now. One of the outstanding features of White Cloud is the number of beautiful graves, even very near the top of the hill, only very wealthy people, of course, could afford a grave so far from the city and so high up on a mountain. Chinese coffins are very heavy and it would cost a great deal to have them carried out there. In South China it is the custom to bury in the hills, never on the level land.

The day we went to White Cloud I was once more impressed with the wonderful progress that has been made in Canton in civic improvements. The last five years have seen marvellous changes in this old city. Narrow streets have been turned into wide thoroughfares, small houses and shops into many storied buildings. Street cars, motor busses, motor cars, rickshas, up-to-date shops are everywhere. We went from the corner of our own street to the foot of the mountain in a motor car, an unheard of thing three years ago.

Christmas week ''Ben Hur'' and ''The King of Kings'' were played here, in two of our best movie houses. Could you imagine any stronger Christian propaganda, at least of a popular type? The places were crowded for every performance and perfect order and attention were given. We look forward with great hope to a year of good things.

Canton has enjoyed such peace and prosperity during 1928, that we almost feel as if we were back in the good old days. Certainly in the South, things are as near normal as they ever will be, and we are now hoping that 1929 will be as quiet and show as much progress and improvement as 1928. There has been no anti-Christian spirit manifested during the past year and Chinese Christians are so hopeful and enthusiastic about the work of the Church. They realize they have a big load to lift, but many have through trial and testing come to know God and where they can secure strength for the heaviest burden. So many of our Chinese Christians were leaning on the foreigner and not lifting the loads or thinking out the problems for themselves.

The past year has been the best year for colleges and schools since trouble began in 1925. Government and mission schools alike have shared in the renewed desire of students for knowledge. Our college has been very fortunate during all these years of trouble, it has not once had to close, and students have been loyal throughout. Perhaps we escaped because we were medical and just ''women.'' More likely because we have a fine Chinese staff, all strong Christians. All work, however, did not escape as we did. The Canton Hospital is still closed, and the Kerr Refuge for the Insane has not yet been handed back to the Mission.''

—*Dr. Jessie A. MacBean.*

Language Study—Its Pleasures and Difficulties

Seoul, Korea

''I am hard at the language again. My Christmas examination marks were higher than I had expected and so the new term started with pleasure. This is a very difficult term as the course is much heavier. We are now reading and translating the first four chapters of Mark's gospel and every word is examined under a microscope as it were. Then, too, we are memorizing prayer phrases and these are quite difficult. Once a week we read Bible stories and then, of course, we are studying the last half of the text book we used before Christmas. There is, however, a new idea being worked in our class and it provides a most delightful hour.

We work in pairs and have conversations. The first Friday we bought lead pencils, then this week the conversation can be anything of our own choice. I work with my friend, Dorothy Leggatt, an Australian Presbyterian, and this time I am a teacher while she is the mother of one of my pupils. Our conversation involves the problem of introducing oneself, and as we each have about twelve sentences, most of them will be convenient for future use. Language study is certainly not easy but it is interesting and when one desires to be able to talk for the purpose of spreading the gospel news, it does give one encouragement and we seek strength from God for this task. Indeed it is wonderful how He leads us and how He supplies strength for our needs.

The other day a pleasant surprise came to us in the form of a visit from Mr. Young. He was in Seoul on business. It was like seeing an old friend to see him again. Of course we talked over plans and as language school closes about March 15th, I am to try and have two or three weeks in the country with one of the missionaries, then I shall return to Kobe. After that my study will continue with a teacher's assistance. I am just so happy and anxious to get to work that I don't suppose I shall be lonely when leaving Seoul, though I do love Korea. Wouldn't it be lovely if one could only talk to them, but for the time being one has to be content to smile and say only a word once in a while. I often think it must be difficult for those who do not smile easily to live in a strange country the first year or so.

I do so hope that I shall be able to do my little bit in bringing others to Christ. It seems to me so much depends on the character of a missionary, the Oriental people take such strong likes or dislikes, and if they like you you can have so many opportunities of presenting Christ, and my prayer is, that God will use me greatly in His service.

At present I have a class of boys of eight to ten years in the Foreign Sunday School, and they are the nicest boys one could find anywhere. The one difficulty is that they haven't had a young teacher for some time and they all want to sit next me and as only two can do so, the others are left out. That novelty, however, will probably wear off soon.''

—*Miss Jean C. MacLean.*

Welcomed to Work Among the Chinese in Vancouver

''The Chinese had a reception for me Friday evening, March 22nd, and I'm sure I won't be able to tell you the half about it. They had two long tables at each side of the room for grown-up folk, and the little tables in the centre for the children. There were over a hundred people present, Mr. and Mrs. Ledingham, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. White, Mr. and Mrs. Herd, and many more. It is rather difficult to remember all the names because I meet so many people. They had a delightful programme, even the kindergarten children took part in it. The C.G.I.T. girls sang and the boys put on a shadow play. Unfortunately Rev. Mr. Yeung's address was not interpreted. Mrs. Ledingham welcomed me on behalf of Vancouver W.M.S., and greetings and a welcome were extended by a lady from New Westminster. The Young People's Executive presented me with a gold Burning Bush pin. Every one whom I have met is so friendly that I cannot help being happy.

—*Miss Sibyl Crawford.*

School Work Growing

Gwalior Mission, India.

''We are so glad to have Miss Simpson with us again. Just at present I think she is finding India can be cold as well as hot. It is colder than I have ever experienced it. I am wearing a sweater and still do not feel any too warm. Last night I was nearly frozen, even with a heavy coat on.

The school work is encouraging. I had a new wee girlie come in yesterday which makes twenty-two boarders in the new school, besides the seven orphans with Gracebai. Poor wee thing, her hands and feet were cracked open into big sores, just from lack of washing. Munkibai has her looking quite clean this morning and her hands and feet well oiled and bandaged so that she looks almost like a new child. I do so hope we are allowed to build the hostel next year, it is badly needed. I expect after the holidays to have about fifty girls in residence, and there is not enough room for those we have. I have one teacher in residence but there is no place for more. Indeed there is no place for her but she very patiently puts up with the difficulties. The new teacher is a young normal graduate but she is doing excellent work.''

—*Miss F. Irene Stringer.*

Prayer

OUR heavenly Father, Whose great heart yearns with tenderness incomprehensible, over each soul Thou hast created; with glad confidence we come into Thy holy presence. We thank Thee for Thy gift of life, for Thine abiding presence, Thine all-sufficient grace, and Thine unerring guidance all along our way. Above all, we praise Thee for the all-availing sacrifice of Jesus, whose blood continually cleanseth from all sin. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the faith to appropriate the continual victory that is ours through His resurrection power, so may our lives continually praise and glorify Thy holy name. Grant unto Thy servants throughout the whole world, the unction of Thy holy spirit in all their ministry. We pray especially for the national missions of our beloved Church. Thou, alone, dost understand the needs and longings of every soul, of every race. Endue, we beseech Thee, those whom Thou hast called to this service, with large vision, true wisdom and the sympathetic insight of divine love. May this love, radiating through their lives, draw lonely, longing hearts to Thee, the great fountain head of love. Help us to fulfil our part as fellow-workers with them, and with Thee. May we earnestly seek to know the needs of this great enterprise. Open our eyes to the opportunities for service that we can render, and grant us willing and responsive hearts, that we may not fail Thee. We lift up our hearts unto Thee, O God, cleanse us, revive us, and fulfil in us all Thy good pleasure. For Jesus sake. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for May

''THE ROYAL ROAD''

Psalm—''Lord Bless and Pity Us.'' *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, page 187). *Scripture Reading*—Isaiah 55. *Hymn*—''Arm of the Lord Awaks, Awake!'' *Minutes. Roll Call. Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Chapter XIII—''Roads Below the Sea—British Guiana.'' *Psalm*—''O Worship the King,'' vs. 1, 2, 5, 6. *Closing Prayer.*

SUGGESTIONS: Why not use the lantern slides for this meeting? A set of 80 beautifully colored slides is now available, and a lecture goes with it. These slides are provided free of charge except for cost of transportation both ways and a charge to cover replacement if breakages occur.

If preferred, have: (a) a map talk on British Guiana by one member; (b) ask a second to describe the religious agencies at work there; (c) the educational needs and how they are being met; (d) name the staff and tell what you know about each one.

For reference see: Report of Assembly's Delegation in 1927 Annual Report, p. 77, also letter from Miss Murray, April *Glad Tidings*, p. 133.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Our Missionary Sees Snow for the First Time

MANY of you young Canadians have travelled in thought to British Guiana during this last winter, and have enjoyed seeing much that is new and wonderful. On the other hand, a real visitor from British Guiana arrived in Canada last autumn and has been finding your country equally new and wonderful. This visitor is Miss Elise Barlow, a W.M.S. missionary and the Superintendent of the Girls' Training Home, New Amsterdam, Berbice. The following picture shows her first glimpse of snow as she stands in front of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, with the Principal, Miss Winifred Ferguson. From her appearance, she looks as if she thoroughly enjoyed a Canadian winter and was not at all sorry that she had taken such a long journey from British Guiana, the land of her birth.

While Miss Barlow has been busy with advanced courses of study at the Training Home in Toronto, she has also found time to tell many W.M.S.

Auxiliaries, Young Women's Auxiliaries and girls' groups about her work at home.

The girls in her school in New Amsterdam are being taught to sew and keep house, and even to play, for games have never come into their lives until they come to the Christian school. Best of all, they are learning about Jesus and are trying to live their lives as He would have them do. The fourfold programme, so familiar to Canadian girls, is felt by Miss Barlow to have an equal benefit for the girls of New Amsterdam. She says when she goes back she is going to have British Guiana Girls in Training.

The Principal, Miss Ferguson (right), and Miss Barlow (left) exchanging snow balls.

Those of you who have not had the opportunity of meeting this visitor from the ''Land below the Sea'' will be glad to know that she is not returning home as soon as expected. She wants to take up some further study which will help her girls, and she also expects to visit some of the summer schools and camps. Perhaps yau may yet meet her and hear directly of your sisters in British Guiana.

Leaders, you will interest your girls further in British Guiana, by reading them the splendid article by Miss A. M. Murray, in the April number of *The Glad Tidings.* You remember that Miss Murray is the ''newest'' W.M.S. missionary in British Guiana.

Affiliated Groups.—Ontario: Friendly Girls, Knox Church, Grand Valley; Bluebird, Pollyanna and Maple Leaf Groups, Beaches Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

''The *Glad Tidings* is full of good instructive missionary interest and helpfulness. We could scarcely do without it in our Society.''

MISSION BANDS

RALLY DAY PROGRAMME

MRS. J. W. DILL

Motto—"We Will Follow Jesus."
Rally Song—"Jesus Saves." (798).
Scripture Lesson—John 6:1-14.
Prayer—Dear Heavenly Father,
Though we cannot heal like Peter,
Though we cannot preach like Paul,
We can tell the love of Jesus
We can say He died for all.
Though we cannot give the building,
We can furnish every room,
So we'll gladly give our nickels
For the Children's Nursing Home.
Greetings.
Address.
Offering and Prayer—
We thank Thee that in Thy great plan
We each can have a part,
Accept, we pray, our offering
It comes from grateful hearts.
Closing Hymn—"Now the Day is Over." (681).
Sentence Prayers.
Mizpah Benediction.

The following is the Easter programme given by the "David Livingstone" Mission Band, Vegreville, Alberta.

Hymn 213. Lord's Prayer repeated in unison. Scripture, Resurrection, Pearl Myroniuk. Hymn 214. Minutes of last meeting read. Roll call—44 present—collection $7.80. Solo, "Count Your Blessings," Miss Jean S. Johnston. Quartette, "Hallelujah! He is Risen," Intermediate Boys. Reading, "An Easter Story," Joyce L'Henreux. Reading, "Faith Through Prayer," Victor Bigland. Trio, "Easter Flowers," Three Bishop Girls. Recitation, "It is Easter Morn," Barry L'Henreux. Reading, "Easter Missionaries," Jean Sherstianka. Trio, "Ring the Bells on Easter Day," Junior Boys. Reading, "The Thrill of Easter Day," Alberta Ruttan. Recitation, "My Conscience," Kost Woroschuk. Duet, "Christ is Risen," Senior Girls. Recitation, ''Childlike Faith,'' Jim Bigland. Reading, ''Who Will Tell the Easter Story,'' Mary Ferby. Quartette, ''Low in the Grave He Lay,'' violin accompaniment, Senior Boys. Presentation of certificates, seals and diplomas. Miss Johnston read a letter from Rev. Dr. Kannawin, congratulating the successful pupils who received awards. Hymn 223. Prayer and benediction, Rev. A. Robertson.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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VEGREVILLE Presbyterian Church W.M.S., with eight members, contributed $37.05 and studied ''The Royal Road''. Nine Mission Band meetings had been held with 53 members enrolled and an average attendance of 48, $31.31 had been sent to the Presbyterial Treasurer and four Junior Members had been made.

Miss Crockett, speaker at the annual Provincial meeting, went south afterwards to visit Calgary and district in the interests of the W.M.S.

Miss Johnston, of the Vegreville School Homes, writes, ''We held our Mission Band service, March 24th, and made it an Easter service, with programme consisting of hymns, recitations and Scripture work suitable to the season. At the February meeting we presented 24 certificates and seals won by the Sabbath School pupils for memorizing Scripture and catechism. We also made one Life Member, and presented the 'Cecilia Brown' prize to the two who had made best progress in school work. Two sisters—Mary Makovichok, public school, and Martha Makovichok, high school—won it. We have four children from this family, all very clever, and taking high marks. Martha won a silver medal in French 1 last year. We also have seven pupils ready for diplomas for memorizing the Shorter Catechism and three for seals for having learned the proofs. Our little French girl, who has scarlet fever asked for a Bible, hymn book and catechism, so that she could learn the memory work, and not get behind. She is only eight years old.''

Edmonton Activities: Mrs. Robert McRae was appointed by the Edmonton Presbyterial to substitute for Mrs. Adam, Presbyterial President, at the meeting of Council in Ottawa in May. Mrs. Adam gave a talk at the March meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary. Celebrating the 15th anniversary of its organization, the Young Women's Missionary Society of First Church held a useful and enjoyable birthday tea in the lecture hall of the church.

The Easter Thank-offering of the W.M. Auxiliary of First Church amounted to $75.16. Mrs. W. J. Melrose gave an account of a trip she had taken last year along the west coast of Canada, and to the Yukon, dwelling particularly on ''The Homestead'' at Skagway, where missionary work is carried on among the Indians. She described an interesting Sunday evening service there which she and other passengers had attended while the boat was tied up.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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A PLEASING event took place in New Westminster, when Mrs. A. Gordon MacPherson was hostess to the St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary at the tea hour. Miss Katherine Henderson was made a Life Member. Mrs. M. S. Rennie presented the certificate and Mrs. MacPherson the badge. The ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band acted as serviteurs of refreshments.

Mrs. G. W. Ledingham has returned from an itinerary in the upper country of British Columbia, which has been productive of much good. She has much to tell of the faithful workers in that part of the vineyard, and of the well attended Presbyterial.

At the meeting of the Provincial Board, Miss Crawford, the newly appointed worker among the Chinese, was formally welcomed.

Victoria P.S.—At a well-attended meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. an interesting paper was read by Mrs. J. A. MacIntosh, on the work of Dr. and Mrs. Goforth in Manchuria. Guests of the Society were Mrs. Cotsford, Presbyterial President, who spoke briefly urging the co-operation of all in the great work of missions, and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Winchester, veteran workers among the Chinese in Victoria. Dr. Winchester gave an inspiring address, which was a joy to those present who had known and worked with him in the years gone by. To all, his prayer and benediction gave peace and comfort.

Kootenay P.S. held its 15th annual meeting on February 20th in St. Stephen's Church, Creston. Delegates came from many cities of the interior, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, Provincial President, represented Vancouver. Mrs. M. J. Boyd, of Creston, gave the address of welcome, Mrs. Gibbs, of Nelson, replied. Greetings were received from the Anglican Church, the United Church and a message from Mrs. J. W. James, first President of Creston W.M.S. Mrs. H. H. Taylor's report showed a fine spirit of courage and optimism existing throughout this widely scattered Presbyterial. Kimberly reports formation of a Mission Band and Y.W. Aux. New Denver had 100 per cent. attendance at meetings during 1928. Slocan City has formed a Mission Band with 25 members. Cranbrook has a large membership and good workers. Two Life Memberships were given besides contributions to the furnishing of the Chinese manse at Vancouver. Creston reports increased contributions, and one Life Member. *The Royal Road* is used as a study by all Auxiliaries in this Presbyterial. Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess, gave an informing talk on Welcome and Welfare work. Mrs. Ledingham gave an interesting illustrated lecture on British Guiana. Musical selections were given by girls of the ''Ellen Dow'' Auxiliary. The Presbyterial sent a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. John Wilkie in the loss of her husband and son.

The ''Maple Leaf'' Mission Band, of Creston, have had a splendid year, their mite box collections being their special feature. In conjunction with the ''Standfast'' boys, they presented the pageant ''Heralds of the King.'' This was followed by a lantern slide lecture. The girls have made two quilts, one was sent to Vegreville Hospital and one to the Chinese manse, in Vancouver, they also sent a box of supplies and toys to the Chinese Mission and raised $34.00 for mission fund—a wonderful showing for girls 8 to 12 years. The boys have been equally successful. They attribute their continued interest to the visit of Mrs. Dill last summer. At the close of the year the ''Standfast'' boys presented their leader, Mrs. Dow, with a beautiful jardiniere, in token of their love for their leader for so many years.

A correction.—In December issue it was stated that Mr. G. W. Ledingham, was made a Life Member; the first gentleman in British Columbia. Mr. John Fingal Smith writes that he wants to share the honor with Mr. Ledingham, as first member in B.C., as he was made a Life Member of the ''Marion Oliver'' M.B., Cranbrook, in 1928, when he was in his 82nd year. We regret the inaccuracy and thank Mr. Smith for making the correction.—Ed.

MANITOBA

Mrs. Geo. S. Leckie, 1457 Winnipeg Ave., Winnipeg, Press Secretary

WINNIPEG P.S.—The annual meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, on February 20th and 21st. The sessions were well attended, and the various Secretaries' reports showed progress in every department.

The President, Mrs. A. M. L. Long, in her address said, ''It is my hope and prayer that this annual meeting during the different sessions may prove to every one who attends, a very real refreshing of soul, a wondrous uplift, and a mighty stimulus that will send us back to our Auxiliaries and to our home churches with an unshakable determination to do and to dare, a readiness to fill a little space or a big space as God may lead, and with a single-minded desire that in all our work and ministry, Christ alone may be glorified. May this be the desire that is uppermost in all our hearts.'' Mrs. Long said, ''May I also suggest to you, to be passed along as opportunity permits, a thought that I once saw printed on a card? It read thus: 'If every member were just like me, what sort of place would our society be?' This can be asked of ourselves as a self-revealing scrutiny and examination.''

Other interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Herbert Sellers, Miss Edith Sinclair, Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, Rev. W. M. MacKay, Synodical Missionary, Mrs. Digby Wheeler, Mrs. Jean Howey, deaconess, Mrs. M. MacKenzie, of Gonor, and Mrs. F. A. Gemmel, of Selkirk.

The allocation was exceeded by $745.00. A service of remembrance was held for Mrs. David Johnstone who was a much-loved officer of the Presbyterial.

A pleasing feature was a letter which the President received and read from Mrs. W. A. Hunter, wife of the Rev. W. A. Hunter, of British Guiana. Mrs. Hunter is visiting her mother in Virden, Man., and on December 24th a baby son was born. The members of the Winnipeg Presbyterial sent a handsome silver cup, suitably inscribed, to Baby Allan Whiteford. In thanking the women Mrs. Hunter expressed the hope that at some future time he would be a missionary to the foreign field for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A request was also made to have prayer throughout the sessions for those in British Guiana, ill with fever, and for Dr. Cropper who was ill with ''flu.'' Needless to say this request was carried out.

Brandon P.S.—A happy event took place at the Executive meeting, held in First Church, Brandon, on February 26th, when Mrs. J. J. Cowan, of St. Andrew's Church, of that city, was presented with an Honorary Membership, the gift of Mrs. Wm. Hudson, of Kenton. Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Presbyterial President, who occupied the chair, was given a hearty welcome after her long illness. After the business was transacted Miss Sinclair gave a most encouraging address, mentioning especially how deeply the young people with whom she came in contact had been impressed by the generous gift of Mrs. Abey for a Children's Nursing Home at Amkhut, India.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 15th annual meeting of Manitoba Provincial was held in First Church, Winnipeg, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26th and 27th. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, the President, presided. Devotional exercises were conducted on Tuesday by Winnipeg Presbyterial, and on Wednesday by Superior and Brandon Presbyterials. Superior Presbyterial, which has just recently joined the Provincial, was heartily welcomed.

Departmental reports were very encouraging. The allocation of

$4,000 was exceeded by $1,123.30; the 26 Mission Bands have an increased membership of 17, contributions amounted to $754; subscriptions to ''Glad Tidings'' numbered 864; more than 900 visits were made by the Welcome and Welfare Secretary; much good work was done in this department, also in the Y.W. Auxiliaries and C.G.I.T. Groups. The Treasurer made a special plea to the Societies to send their contributions in monthly.

Mrs. A. M. L. Long extended a welcome to the delegates, which was replied to by Mrs. Thos. Delbridge. An address was given Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Regina, who dealt with our own work, instancing the good work and interest of an Auxiliary where the President was changed every two years and each member took an office in turn. An earnest paper, prepared by Mrs. J. J. Cowan, Mission Band Secretary, on ''Feed My Lambs,'' was read. She felt that the success of Mission Band work lies in the home influence and in the cooperation of parents. Mrs. White gave a fine talk on interesting the boys and having them join the Mission Band. One way suggested was to call the boys soldiers and tell them stories of missionary heroes. Choruses were given by Calvin Mission Band and St. John's Girls' Guild, and a dialogue by St. John's Mission Band. All were very much appreciated.

The Tuesday evening meeting was well attended. Rev. T. Owen Hughes conducted the devotions. Greetings from the Synod were extended by Rev. D. Johnstone. Rev. C. S. Oke, of Brandon, delivered an inspiring address on the subject of foreign mission work or ''Why Send Missionaries.'' He stated that our opportunity is now, and spoke of the danger of the millions of people in the foreign nations becoming modernized and not Christianized.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Muriel Taylor, who has been in missionary work for many years, addressed the meeting, and Miss M. Hamilton, who is going to South America, gave a few parting words. Mrs. H. R. Horne gave very helpful answers to the questions in the question drawer. The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. M. McKenzie.

Resolutions were passed expressive of thankfulness in the revival of interest in the promotion of temperance education among the young; and urging that our members use their influence to encourage the study of the Bible in the home.

At the March meeting of St. John's W.M.S., Winnipeg, reports of recent Presbyterial meetings were given by Mrs. G. McCord and Mrs. Fletcher.

The delegates from Gonor Mission Y.W. Auxiliary brought to their Society a most optimistic report of the Presbyterial meeting. Miss Sinclair's talks were especially appealing to them. These young girls are very energetic in the practical work of the W.M.S., taking great pleasure in quilting and sewing. During the winter Scripture pictures were shown Sunday evenings by Mrs. McKenzie, and from these meetings she feels much blessing has been derived. They ask that you will pray with them for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on their neighborhood.

ONTARIO

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BRUCE AND OWEN SOUND P.S.—The passing of Mrs. Norman Robertson, of Walkerton, the beloved Honorary President of the Presbyterial, is deeply regretted. Who can measure the influence of her life of consecrated service as member of Knox Presbyterian Church, as organizer of the W.F.M.S. in Walkerton, in 1887, and President for years, and presiding officer of different organizations of the W.M.S.

Guelph P.S.—As arranged at the last annual meeting of the Presbyterial, a one day meeting for the purpose of receiving reports, transacting business and the election of officers, was held in Knox Church, Guelph, on January 15th. Miss McLellan, President since 1925 and to whom a great deal of the credit is due for the progress recently made, would not accept re-election, but remains on the Board.

Under the auspices of the W.M.S. at Galt, Miss Bessie MacMurchy recently delivered an illustrated address on India.

Guelph P.S. held its fifteenth annual meeting in Knox Church, Guelph, January 29th. Delegates numbered seventy-five. All departments reported increase, over $7,000 was raised for missions. Miss MacMurchy, Toronto, was the speaker. A gift of flowers from the Executive testified to the warm appreciation of the retiring President, Miss McLellan.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S. held its fifteenth annual meeting, January 31st and February 1st. New churches have been opened at Douglas, Perth, Arnprior and Smith's Falls. A memorial service for members who had died during the year was held, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Margaret O'Hara and Rev. Dr. Ross of Ottawa.

Superior P.S.—The Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, during the past year, has contributed liberally to the Presbyterial and the Budget, besides maintaining a student in West Fort William during the summer months. A past President, Miss B. Hunter, has entered the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home at Toronto.

Superior P.S.—On February 5th, the fifteenth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The reports were all encouraging. Two senior and three junior Life Membership certificates were presented during the year. Fort Francis Mission Band won banners for attendance and subscriptions. A special tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. M. W. Bridgman, of Port Arthur, and Mrs. Lennox, of Fort Francis, by standing for a two minute silence and placing flowers on the pulpit. The allocation was exceeded.

Toronto P.S.—The Auxiliary of Glenview Church, Toronto, (formerly known as Eglinton and Bedford Park) met on April 3rd in their new Church, Yonge Street and Glenview Avenue. Many members of the Auxiliaries of Glebe, Calvin and St. Paul's Churches were present. Mrs. D. Strachan, President of the W.M.S., gave a comprehensive survey of the work of the Society at home and abroad. Mrs. W. Rochester, Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, Miss J. I. Inglis and Mrs. J. McGonegal conducted the devotional exercises, and Mrs. J. Holman contributed a solo. The President, Mrs. James Logie, presided at this first meeting in the beautiful stone Church, the result of the prayers, labor and sacrifice of the congregation.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE JAW P.S.—An enjoyable mother and daughter banquet by Knox C.G.I.T., Moose Jaw, was held in the Social Hall of the Church, February 28th, Rev. A. R. Ferguson addressed the meeting.

An innovation in the form of a ''Bobbie Burns'' tea took place in Knox Church Social Hall under the auspices of the W.M.S., Rev. A. R. Ferguson added to its success by giving a short sketch of the life of the poet.

Regina—First Church W.M.S., Regina, presented Mrs. Geo. Bell with a Life Membership prior to her leaving for Vancouver where she will reside.

Life Members

Alberta Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

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Receipts	4,321.00	
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Bank Balance		24,301.26
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"And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

THE Thirteenth General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, will meet in Boston, Mass., U.S.A., June 19th to 29th. Delegates will be present from Europe, Great Britain and Canada. Some of the outstanding speakers are: Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, D.D.; Rev. Robert Laws, M.D., D.D., LL.D., C.B.E., of Livingstonia; Dr. Robert Speer and Rev. J. Macdonald Webster. At the observance of the Lord's Supper, June 25th, there will be an address by Bishop Ravasz, Budapest, Hungary. The Honorable W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, and Professor J. T. Simpson, D.Sc., will speak on ''International Peace'' at the last public meeting.

During this Council the ninth Conference of the International Union of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, will be held in the Scotch Church, on the afternoon of June 24th and 25th. About thirty Societies are associated in the Union. The Secretary is Miss Mathews, daughter of the late Rev. G. D. Mathews, Secretary of the Alliance 1875-1919, and at one time minister of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec. The general theme is: ''In the light of the Jerusalem findings, what contribution has your Board been able to make, either in the home base or in the foreign field?''

The following ladies are representing the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: Mrs. D. Strachan, Miss MacMurchy and Mrs. C. S. McDonald, of Toronto; Mrs. J. G. Potter, Montreal; Mrs. W. Leslie Clay, Victoria; Mrs. A. H. Scott, Perth; Mrs. Robt. Johnston, St. Catharines.

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IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST that our Society send a representative to the Fourth Triennial Conference of the National Council of Education to be held in Victoria, B.C., April 5th and Vancouver, April 8-15, the Council Executive asked Mrs. G. W. Ledingham of Vancouver to attend. Among the speakers were outstanding educationists and writers, men and women, from Europe, Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, and, from India, that great poet and philosopher, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore. Apart from the pleasure and benefit she derived from the meeting, Mrs. Ledingham sent to headquarters a very fine clipping book, containing all the press notices of this gathering that others might share with her the inspiration of the messages.

OVER FIVE YEARS AGO, on November 26th, 1924, a unique event took place in our Formosa Mission, when Miss Anne Senior, S.R.N. of York, England, was designated as a missionary nurse to the ''MacKay Memorial Hospital.'' Miss Senior is a graduate of the Mildmay Mission Hospital, London, England. She also took a course in tropical diseases in Greenwich Hospital, and was in the Barnardo Homes Hospital when the call to overseas service came to her. She is now en route to England where she will spend her furlough and probably take a post-graduate course. Happily for us, she decided to return by way of Canada and, on May 7th, the Council Executive had the pleasure of meeting and welcoming one who, as the President expressed it, ''has made such a contribution to the work of the Kingdom in training Formosan girls.''

Miss Anne Senior
of Formosa

Miss Senior drew a happy picture of the girls as she last saw them busy with their examinations and full of expectancy that their hard work would help them to pass. She told of the hospital with the ever increasing work for women, the need for a woman doctor, and of the native nurses, all Christian girls. She also paid great tribute to the endurance of the girls who in face of tradition, superstition and persecution stood firm, and instanced the case of one Christian girl who set her heart on attending the Women's Bible School. Her parents were heathen and put every obstacle in her way. But she came, and by dint of hard work and with a little financial help eventually graduated as a nurse. There are twenty nurses in the hospital and the aim is to secure graduates from the girls' high school to train as nurses, but unfortunately, the Japanese do not see the need for nurses and prefer to adhere to the old custom of having the family accompany their sick to the hospital and care for them there. But they do recognize midwives, and the hospital is hoping to establish a special course in obstetrics. If this be undertaken there will be no difficulty in getting high school girls to engage in a branch that is recognized by their Government.

The origin and growth of the leper work was an interesting story and one was glad that these sorely afflicted folk now have a small hospital of their own where they can receive the necessary treatment.

Through the kindness of Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, who had a special interest in Miss Senior, she being her first candidate, the members of the Executive, the Toronto members of Ontario Provincial and Toronto Presbyterial Boards, and missionaries, had the opportunity at the tea hour of meeting Miss Senior, and also Miss Kinney and Miss Connell, who have given twenty-four years of splendid service in Formosa.

A VERY HAPPY COINCIDENCE and one that gave a great deal of pleasure to all who were present was that the Easter Thank-offering of Westminster Church W.M.S., Smith's Falls, fell on Dr. Margaret O'Hara's birthday. At the close of a helpful address from Mrs. Chas. Thorburn, of Ottawa, on ''Easter,'' with the message ''Go everywhere, tell everyone'' Dr. O'Hara was called to the platform and presented with a purse of seventy-four dollars in gold, a dollar for every year. The gift came as a complete surprise to our missionary. In thanking her friends for this expression of love Dr. O'Hara said there were four words that were very dear to her—Country, Home, Mother, Church. Then occurred an act of deep and touching import, for this missionary, as has always been her custom when she received any money, presented to the Treasurer the tenth of her gift—her tithe!

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NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS KINDNESS friends and neighbors later paid a ''surprise'' visit to Dr. O'Hara in her new apartment, 14 Russell Street, which is to be her home, and by way of a miscellaneous ''shower,'' sought to express their joy that she has come to spend her days and beautiful influence among them—near the Church she loves and among her own people and those who love her.

To her other birthday gifts we would ask Dr. O'Hara to add the loving good wishes of her friends everywhere and their heartfelt ''God Bless You.''

ALTHOUGH THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is now numbered among the great events of the past, we still hear echoes of it and also of similar gatherings, less in size perhaps, but sharing equally in great results. One who sensed the value of this world-wide observation of prayer, has said of it: ''The Day surely has brought to many great spiritual blessing through happy human fellowship and mystic conscious oneness with the Father, empowering for fuller, richer service.''

Turning to the overseas fields, we learn that in Formosa: ''Each year there is a special Day of Prayer, programmes are prepared and sent out to all the churches. The first week of the Chinese New Year is chosen as being a time when the women have most leisure and not only go to the meeting themselves, but also persuade some of their non-Christian friends to go with them, and so help to arouse their interest.''

Of the observance at the Gwalior Mission, in India, our missionary, Miss Stringer says, ''We had a meeting at four o'clock on February 15th, in our W.M.S. bungalow, and had the women of the compound, twelve in all, Miss Simpson and myself. We followed the programme as far as possible and the women were all very interested.''

But most impressive of all is the following experience as related by Miss Graham, our missionary in Manchuria. She says: ''Then I must tell you that the Presbyterian Day of Prayer on January 23 had effect here. I was speaking and had been preaching for some time when the room became immensely packed. A teacher from the Middle School had brought one of his classes, mostly young men of seventeen and over, to hear the doctrine. We had a good time and they all wanted to become members of the Pocket Testament League. The next day the teacher brought another class. And later some of them returned for church services and have decided to be Christians. I felt then this was a special visitation. Your prayers explain the meaning.''

MISS JOHNSTON, SUPERINTENDENT of our two School Homes, at Vegreville, Alta., has reason to be very proud of the young people under her care. The results of their mission school Easter tests have been made known, and no pupil got less than 67 per cent. average. Wee Barry stood first in his class and little Ruby Bishop, aged 8 years, headed her class. The Makovichuk children all headed their classes—David, aged 11 years, grade VI, standing first, with an average of 91 1/9 per cent. Martha, a high school pupil, grade X, taking 78 per cent., and standing No. 1. They are all clever and are really only getting their English language now.

In the Sabbath School during February and March, 8 pupils won diplomas for memorizing the Shorter Catechism; 18 received silver and gold seals for Scripture; 4 received 1st and 2nd certificates for memory course work; 2 received diplomas for scripture and 3 diplomas for memorizing the proofs. Miss Johnston feels that when they get such results the work is worth while.

Mrs. Gouldthorpe is also very happy over the young people under her care, for the results of the Easter examinations in Huntingdon Academy show how well the pupils have done: Grade II. 2. Bruce Dalrymple; Grade IV. B. 1. Marguerite Bonvan, 8. Greta Kalabakus; Grade V. 2. Chester Dalrymple; C. 1. Barbara Barrett; Grade VIII. 2. Ronald MacPherson; Grade IX. 5. Winthrop Todd; 4. Anna Rutherford; Grade X. B. 1. William Kenney; 2. Archie Casselman.

The pupils at New Liskeard are also keeping up their good reputation at school, and all did well at the Easter examinations.

THIS YEAR THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES of the Auxiliary Welcome and Welfare Secretaries are to appear in the annual report. This will be a great help in the conduct of work of this important department. The decision to print these names was made too late for the Secretaries to include them on the Presbyterial report forms and Mrs. MacMullen, Council Welcome and Welfare Secretary, would like to express her appreciation to those Secretaries who responded so promptly to her request to send on the names and addresses of the Auxiliary Welcome and Welfare Secretaries for insertion in the Blue Book.

Another addition to the Blue Book and one which we feel will be very helpful is the insertion of a list of our staff together with their correct addresses. This should prove of great help to those who wish to remember our missionaries with letters or cards.

TWO GEMS WERE EXTRACTED from the heart of two annual reports. The first was, ''That fifty-nine families in Montreal united with one church through the efforts of our Welcome and Welfare worker.'' The second, ''That in British Columbia, as a result of the efforts of our Welcome and Welfare workers, one hundred and twenty-eight persons connected with the Presbyterian Church as members, or by joining the choir or Sunday School.''

The News Bulletin, our little Alberta sister, as we affectionately called her, ceased publication with the April issue. We shall miss her and all the bright items of news of the Church and W.M.S. which she brought us from time to time. The people in Alberta will feel they have lost an intimate friend for they alone know what it meant to have the news of the upbuilding of their Church and W.M.S. so splendidly put together and sent to them for their information and cheer. Beginning as a typewritten sheet the *News Bulletin* grew larger and larger and eventually became a printed sheet, and so packed full of information that we envied the gift of condensation the Editor possessed. Mrs. Acheson has made a great contribution to the Church and W.M.S. and we regret that the cessation of the *News Bulletin* means that her name no longer appears as Press Secretary over the Alberta Provincial news. The new appointee is Mrs. W. S. Mackenzie, of Edmonton.

The attention of our members is also drawn to a change of Secretary in Manitoba, Mrs. G. F. Hogarth of Fort William replacing Mrs. Leckie, of Winnipeg. While we welcome the new Secretaries we do not forget the fine service that has been rendered by these faithful pen women during the years in which they held office.

WE ARE GREATLY INDEBTED to Mrs. H. R. Horne and Mrs. John Stenhouse for bound copies of the W.M.S. reports from 1877-1913, and of the *Letter Leaflet* and *Foreign Mission Tidings* from 1886-1910, and unbound copies from 1911-1915, also *The Missionary Messenger* from 1914-1925. This is a very wonderful contribution to our archives and will be invaluable for reference.

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED that all our missionaries have passed their first year language examinations, and would offer our hearty congratulations on their success.

A LITTLE BOOK OF PRAYERS entitled ''Windows'' has been specially selected for girls by members of the Programme Committee of the National Girls' Work Board, and published by the National Council of the Y.W.C.A. The collection has been carefully chosen and should meet the need of many of our teen-age and young women's branches. The book is very attractive and sells for 25c.

Our Overseas Mission Work

INDIA

1928. What an eventful year it has been in the history of our fields in India! Sorrow and tragedy have come near us, much anxiety, great happiness and exceeding great joy, and the year closing on a strong note of hope and encouragement that fills our hearts with thankfulness.

It was January 2nd that we said, ''Good-bye'' and ''Bon-voyage'' to Miss Simpson, and to follow her means to go across the world and right back again, with an interval of only six weeks spent in nursing Dr. Wilkie, for so critical was his condition that there was little opportunity to think of language study, or even to get her bearings.

The General Board of Missions, which had arranged with our full approval for Miss Simpson's return with Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie, decided not to allow her to return to India in the hot weather and kindly allowed her to spend the summer at her home in Weyburn, Sask. In September, she represented us at the Student Missionary Movement Convention at Elgin House, Muskoka, which proved a time of help and inspiration for her before she re-embarked, in October, with Mrs. D. E. McDonald and her lovely family, also the bride-elect, Miss C. B. Elliott. The close of the year found her hard at work at language study, and with a little dispensary fitted up in what was once an engine house, with the available drugs and supplies from Dr. Wilkie's bungalow, and making good use of bandages, etc., from our Supply Department, which she took with her. Miss Simpson will do everything in her power to help the sick and needy within reach, but already she sees that an even greater necessity arises out in the villages and at the farm where the sick and suffering ones are out of touch with any of the Jhansi relief centres, so that, later on, when she has the language it may seem right for her to continue her work away from the city.

''Another year has been completed in the history of the Helen Macdonald Memorial School,'' writes Miss Stringer. The school began with 26 pupils and the year closed with 36 pupils, and a staff of 6 native teachers. An innovation has been the taking of four tiny boys into the orphanage, the youngest only two! and Miss Stringer begs to be allowed to keep them there until they are old enough to go to the boys' school in the regular way. Gracebai's orphan girls are included in the attendance. Miss Stringer says they are praying that before the end of another year new workers will be with them.

Miss Whatling has made wonderful progress in her evangelistic work in spite of much opposition. Gracebai and Tiziyabai have done valuable work in the city as well as the usual task of looking after the orphanage. Up to September the city work was the only branch of evangelistic work that we had. In that month Miss Whatling opened up work in five other centres, where the wives of the native preachers are carrying on. One of these centres is in a new part of Jhansi, the others in outlying villages. The Ford car has been of the greatest assistance in carrying out the new work The year started with two Bible women and closed with eight. There are several flourishing Sunday Schools, and large numbers of gospel portions and bhajans (hymn books) are being sold. It is impossible to estimate the seed that is being sown in the many hearts that have been really touched by the story of Christ's love.

There is much rejoicing that our expansion estimates include a new bungalow at Jhansi for were it not that Miss Whatling's work takes her away so much our three young ladies would be very crowded and there would be no room for our new workers when they go.

How gratifying it must have been to his people in the Bhil country to hear that to their beloved Dr. Buchanan had come the highest honor that the Presbyterian Church can confer—that of being elected its Moderator! In the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan from the field great responsibility fell on the shoulders of our already over-burdened Miss Robson, but like the brave little soldier she is, heartened by the assistance of Rev. D. E. McDonald and the new missonaries, she made 1928 a most successful year. Miss Williamson's valuable help with the teaching and clerical work gave Miss Robson a chance to devote more time to the older pupils. She held her usual summer classes at Toran

Mal in April and May, and, in addition to her regular work opened two new village schools, one at Sardi and another at Pangora. Miss Robson expresses great appreciation of the new Ford car that we were able to give her.

The wooden materials for the new Jobat bungalow have been gathered from the Amkhut jungle, and another of Miss Robson's duties was to oversee this. Any building operations include a time of wonderful opportunity for the missionaries as no day passes without its hour of prayer and Bible study for the workmen under their supervision. The glorious tidings of Mrs. Abey's wonderful gift of $5,000 for a Children's Nursing Home must have brought its own reward for all the times of trial and discouragement, for it is going to fill a three-fold need. First, to provide a home for little motherless babies which invariably die unless the missionaries can care for them. Second, to provide adequate attention for the many cases of temporary illness among the school children of which almost every week brings a number. And, thirdly, a centre of instruction where the older girls and mothers may learn how to take care of little children so that they won't die in the homes just for lack of warmth and attention. What a blessing that Children's Home is going to be! But we must not forget in putting up these new buildings of the need for more workers that will follow! Miss McConnell writes that she expects we will be sending an evangelistic worker to live with her in the new bungalow at Jobat. For her the year started with discouragement enough to daunt a weaker spirit. The sad story has already been told of the death of the little Ranee, and Miss McConnell's tragic experiences in the palace, but the fact that she was afterwards asked to attend another royal patient, although she could not accept, proves that the excellence of her professional standards and the sincerity of her Christian life left their impress. The time spent in nursing together with several severe attacks of malaria hampered Miss McConnell seriously in her language study, so we feel she is to be congratulated in having passed her examinations. We feel very proud of all our new missionaries for the splendid way they applied themselves to the language and the very excellent results obtained.

Miss Williamson is now our Treasurer for the Bhil field and Miss Stringer for Gwalior.

A few sentences from Miss McConnell's letter will give you an idea of her work in Jobat hospital. "I am beginning to think that in missionary work lies the secret of perpetual motion! Medical work is one kind that cannot be run according to time-table. Sudden calls come, and our response in willingness to help the suffering is witness to the reality of our religion, apart from the fact of its opening doors that otherwise would be closed. I wish you could see our 3 new babies.

At home, we nurses do not have as much practical erperience, as a doctor is always on the scene. Here in Jobat we feel rather proud when the cases are entirely in our own hands, in some I don't even have time for preparation! I was called in to a supposed case of malaria and in five minutes a baby girl was born. As far as possible I try to bring all cases to the hospital. We have had some direct answers to prayer in patients for whom I could hold out no hope, making most marvellous recoveries. Such cases are very encouraging. Since the beginning of the year no patient is treated until he has first heard the gospel story, for our aim is to obey the command and follow the example of Christ to preach the gospel and heal the sick. Jigiyo Master, an able and keen evangelist, is in the waiting room before consulting hours, after he has talked to the patient he gives him a card to present to nurse or doctor before he has treatment. In this way we know that all hear the 'good news.' This is thrilling and inspiring work and will surely bring forth fruit unto eternal life.''

Miss Maxwell fills her own special niche at Sardi where she longs for an assistant, and surely deserves one! She loves the Bhil women and children and is so anxious that Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan's wonderful work should not lapse the least little bit in their absence. Her classes are increasing in size and it is almost impossible for her to overtake single-handed all the work that might be done.

Truly this is a time of ''building'' in every sense of the word. We know that God is blessing our workers and their materials and that He will raise up more of each to meet this great need if we ask Him in all sincerity.

FORMOSA

1928 has been a year of coming and going among the W.M.S. workers in North Formosa, entailing many readjustments in living quarters, duties and responsibilities. That the claims of the mission come first is shown in the smooth running, throughout the year, of our institutional work. Two of our married missionaries taught in our schools, and all have rendered valuable volunteer service. Our new missionaries, while necessarily giving most of their time and strength to language study, have been able to make some contribution to the general work of the mission, and all speak gratefully of the sympathy and help shown them by the more experienced members of the staff. In November, Miss Burdick and Miss Adams passed their first year language examination and were welcomed as voting members of the Mission Council.

Three new missionaries reached the field during the year. Miss Cummings, a nurse, arrived in February and was followed in September by Miss Douglas, a teacher, and Miss Ramsay, an evangelist. In

November, Miss Kinney and Miss Connell, our pioneer W.M.S. workers, left the field, returning to Canada via England. Their places will be hard to fill, nor will their work in Formosa soon be forgotten. On Miss Kinney's resignation, Miss Clazie became principal of the Girls' School and, in November, Mrs. Dickson succeeded Miss Kinney as secretary of the Mission Council. Miss Burdick followed Miss Connell as head of the Women's School and as Treasurer of the W.M.S. funds.

The Girls' School has had an enrolment of 85 pupils, of whom 14 were day girls. The work is chiefly that of a high school, but after a lapse of some years a preparatory class was organized, which 12 girls attended. Ten girls were graduated in March, and of these one joined the school staff and three became language teachers. Six of the graduating class were church members and seven other pupils united with the Church during the year. Many of the senior girls taught in Sunday School and both day girls and boarders attended the weekly Christian Endeavor meetings, conducted chiefly by the girls themselves.

The attendance at the Women's School ran from 14 to 18. The majority come for just one or two terms but some elementary education can be given in that time, and some knowledge of the gospel. One older woman, a protégé of the Formosan W.M.S., was being trained to become a Bible woman, and two young women completed the whole course.

It is encouraging to report the opening of two new kindergartens, one at Soren Church, Taihoku, and one farther down the Island at Shinchiku. The average attendance at the four kindergartens was about 200. The seven teachers, all graduates of the Girls' School, worked under the direction of Miss Adams, and considering their lack of special training, have accomplished a good deal. Mothers' meetings at each kindergarten have been well attended and the whole work is closely linked up with that of the Sunday Schools.

Miss Senior and Miss Gauld, assisted by Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, have done splendid work in the ''Mackay Memorial Hospital'' and at the leper clinics. The training of the Formosan pupil nurses has been in their hands, and during the year their number was increased from 16 to 21. Fewer resignations before the completion of the three year course have been reported. Four nurses were graduated during the year. Two of these remained in the hospital to assist in training others, and two entered the English Presbyterian hospital at Shoka, near their own homes. During the year the Nurses' Home was repaired and a new wing added, which provides ample comfortable accommodation for all. An encouraging feature of the hospital work was the increasing number of women patients. If only a woman doctor can be sent out much can be done to improve the lot of the Formosan women in both body and soul.

The Formosan W.M.S., under the leadership of Mrs. Koa, had a good year. Their givings showed an increase, they supported three Bible women throughout the year and one, during the summer, in the Gilan district. They are also seeking other women to train for evangelistic work. A special Day of Prayer was held during the Chinese New Year.

Our workers preached and taught the gospel faithfully in our schools and kindergartens, in the hospital wards and clinics, but no one was able to devote her whole time to purely evangelistic work. Much good was done by encouraging groups of people to memorize passages of scripture and as far as possible the work of the seven or eight Bible women was directed and their stations visited, but only a beginning has been made.

A special opportunity for service is open in Formosa for a woman doctor, and last but not least for a music teacher. Some knowledge of music is not a ''frill'' among the Formosan Christians, but is one of the strong forces in building up the native church. Who will answer the call?

MANCHURIA, CHINA

It is a long cry and a vast change from South China, where missionary work has been going on for over a hundred years, and where many missionaries of all denominations have spent and often laid down their lives, to Manchuria, where scattered Chinese have only been learning the gospel for little more than a generation.

Two years ago the Presbyterian Church in Canada was invited to take up work in Manchuria, the Societies working there realizing that they could never hope to cover this field. To the people of the overcrowded provinces of Chihli and Shantung, immediately south, Manchuria has long been the Promised Land. Two strong characteristics, love of home and hatred of the cold, have hitherto kept them from migrating. Now, however, the ravages of war and the distress of famine have brought about what has been called ''the greatest movement of people in modern times.'' It is claimed that two millions have migrated during the past two years. For the first time in China's history, the civil and military authorities have tried to help, giving in some cases free transportation, to some others half fare, often providing sleeping accommodation at junctions and even food to those without. Whole families are on the move, the old and feeble, also little children. Those who are migrating are the progressive type. They have been driven away from their homes by excessive taxation, banditry, famine, their temples and idols are left behind. Now, is the golden opportunity. Three large cities have been opened by our missionaries: Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, Mr.

Reoch, Miss Graham and Miss Kok. Their pitiful cry is for reinforcements, "What are we among so many?"

Miss Graham felt that after one year of intensive work in Szepingkai she must go on to the regions beyond. So off to Tungliao, 170 miles away from a colleague, to a big busy city she went. With two Chinese men, and a woman who has to share her only room, she holds meetings for the children, the women, and also helps much with the men's work, some distance away. The children are memorizing scripture, learning Bible truths, and bringing their families to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. On our January Day of Prayer she had been preaching when the room suddenly became packed with young men. From the adjacent Government School a teacher had brought his class. They listened long and reverently, all accepted New Testaments, promising to read them and to try to follow the Jesus way. They returned to the Sunday services. Other classes also came to hear. The enemy of course is hindering. After a necessary absence she found all her bedding and every whole garment she possessed had been carried away by thieves. She says her loss has brought her nearer to the hearts of the people. The loss of her good concertina, so useful in leading the singing, is a real grief.

Miss Kok has been doing the women's and children's work in Szepingkai, alone in that big city, whilst Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and Mr. Reoch are in Taonan. She is both Secretary and Treasurer for the mission. The cry of her heart is to get out to the country round about, where the Truth has not been preached. The native helpers employed by the mission for the past two years are being called back to their homes as things seem to be quieting down. Her two best women have gone to Peking.

How can we help? Prayer works wonders. Two new recruits have left:—The Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Koffend, to help Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, and Miss Luella I. Crockett, of South China, goes in the autumn.

SOUTH CHINA

Dr. Jessie MacBean, of the "Hackett Medical College," Canton, tells of a very busy, but a most peaceful year. She says, "We almost feel as if we were back in the good old days." "In the South things are as nearly normal as they ever will be." Chinese Christians are hopeful and enthusiastic, realizing now that they themselves must shoulder responsibility. "It has been the best year for colleges and schools since 1925." "Hackett" College has never had to close its doors during these troublous years, due probably to the fact, that the Chinese staff is composed wholly of strong, loyal Christians.

BRITISH GUIANA

After several months of delays and disappointments in securing a Principal for the Girls' High School at New Amsterdam, Berbice, we were delighted and greatly heartened when Miss Mary Murray, of Milan, Quebec, a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, and of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, offered her services. She left for British Guiana in June and after a very delightful trip was enthusiastically welcomed at Georgetown by all the missionaries of the Colony.

On October 15th, she began her work with an attendance of 41 girls, representatives of all the races in the country, unfortunately, there were not as many of our own special people, the East Indians, as we would wish. The few she has are doing well. Previously, when there was no teacher in the School who was a university graduate, the two senior forms had to go to the Boys' High School for their classes, which is inadvisable. Now, however, by means of exchange of teachers with the Boys' High School, the difficulty is partly obviated. To carry on the work satisfactorily two new teachers are needed. The pupils require so much individual attention, they do not seem to be able to study by themselves.

Miss Murray writes enthusiastically of her work and her opportunities for services. While she considers the school her chief task, she does not devote all her energies to it, for, she writes, that she expects soon to re-organize the ''Willing Workers'' Society, an organization of the Canadian Mission among the women and girls of the Berbice Field. Its immediate object is to raise money for a new church. The Training Home girls have been working for it all along although there have been no meetings. Miss Murray also teaches a class of senior girls in the Sunday School.

Miss Barlow, Superintendent of the Girls' Training Home, at New Amsterdam, Berbice, whose furlough was long past due, came to Toronto early in the summer and entered the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home at the commencement of the fall term, to pursue her studies, in order to be more efficient in her work when she returns. In the autumn, Miss Barlow addressed various Sunday School classes and C.G.I.T. Groups with the result that some fine Christmas boxes were sent to the British Guiana field for distribution. Books, papers, cards, etc., were sent by several of our Library Secretaries, and proved very useful in the missionaries' work. It is hoped that our bursary to the five girls in the Training Home, the teaching in the Girls' High School, and in the Girls' Training Home, may be owned of God and blessed, that these girls will be the means of much blessing and helpfulness to their families and to all with whom they come in contact.

JAPAN

When the delegation from the Presbyterian Church—of which our President, Mrs. Strachan, was a member—visited the Orient, she was impressed with the urgent need of evangelistic workers among the Korean women and children in Japan, and it was decided that the W.M.S. should support at least two Bible women in that department, consequently this report is of especial interest as the first record of the effective work being done by Mrs. Suk Kyling Ye and Mrs. Chong Ai Kim.

Mrs. Ye was educated at the mission schools in Korea. She is also a graduate of Pyeng Yang Bible Institute and did much mission work in Pyeng Yang. She has a strong personality, and is a true leader. Since her appointment, in February, she has been dividing her time between two congregations in Kobe, in Sunday School work, prayer meetings, night school for women and other activities. With patient perseverance she located practically every Korean home, and when winter came, she collected clothing from the foreign residents, and distributed it among the poor in many cold fireless homes. ''Japan,'' Mr. Young states, ''From December to March is not a land of roses, but has a climate very similar to that of Canada.''

Our other Bible woman, Mrs. Kim, a graduate of Seoul Bible Institute, was for several years a most successful Bible woman in a Presbyterian Church near that city. Since her appointment as Bible woman of the W.M.S. she has shown rare ability as a Bible teacher, and in the several congregational groups to which she ministers her work is much appreciated. One of these small congregations having secured a suitable place of worship gave Mrs. Kim the upper floor for her residence, and the congregation is happy under Mrs. Kim's leadership. In October, she held a Bible class in an outlying town, expecting to finish in four days. The group would not let her stop, persuading her to teach three more days. At the end of this time they wanted her to stay for the next week but she had other appointments to keep. Mr. Young writes, ''These two Bible women are the type of which we need many more.''

In September, Miss Jean C. MacLean, designated as evangelist and kindergarten teacher, sailed for Japan. Through the kindness of Mr. Young, arrangements had been made for her attendance at the Language School in Seoul, Korea, where she has made excellent progress, and has, in other ways, been fitting herself for service among the Korean women and children in Japan. Already Miss MacLean has shown a fine missionary spirit and will, without doubt, find ample scope for her ability in Kobe, where there is now the nucleus of a kindergarten and through it, evangelistic teachings in the homes, awaiting her.

The splendid work of Miss Caroline Macdonald, LL.D., has so many aspects that it is impossible in limited space to do more than pay a sincere tribute to her unselfish devotion, not only to the betterment of conditions among factory workers, but to the salvaging of human derelicts, ''the unfortunates and the failures,'' she names them in her booklet ''Until She Find It.''

Writing of the progress of her school for factory girls, Dr. Macdonald says: ''Women have gone so rapidly into industry in the past ten years that, almost before we have realized it, we have been plunged into a new world with its problems, its unstable standards, and its hunger for more and more knowledge. Thus our school has to be more than a school in the strict meaning of that word. Our aim is to train leaders who will go out into their communities or factories and carry what we have given them to those who cannot attend the school.

Besides the regular classes we have short courses in cooking, machine sewing, knitting, embroidery and flower arrangement. The girls are particularly fond of the flower arrangement. Even while they are working they are eager to learn the things that will be useful and beautiful in their homes. In addition to the work done at the school, there are several classes for girls who work in factories outside the city.

To conform to the regulations for girls' schools, we have introduced a class in elementary law. This course is studied with great interest by the more advanced students. Their contact with the facts of life makes them more sensible of the meaning and importance of law than ordinary students.

The principal teacher has done a great deal of visiting in the girls' homes and thus comes in closer touch with the real problems the students have to face. In this way we can extend the scope of our activity, making the school a place where the girls can find help and advice, and may understand that what they learn from books is only a very small part of what a school should give. We have all sorts of dreams for the school which you are helping us to carry out. We have a wonderful opportunity, here in this rapidly developing country, where women are finding places in industry with astonishing speed.''

And Jesus Sat Over Against The Treasury

A most remarkable incident of liberality was related at the recent meeting of the Board of Missions. It was of a widow who had a little farm of some forty-five acres, and eight cows. Last year she gave $336.00 to the general revenue of her Church and $330.00 to the Budget—$666.00 in all!

Miss Jean C. McLean
to Japan

Miss Luella I. Crockett
to Manchuria

Miss Mary Murray, B.A.
to British Guiana

Fifteen Missionaries Appointed in Sixteen Months

AT the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, March 19th to 23rd, the names of fourteen missionaries appointed to overseas work during the year (March 1928-29) were reported:

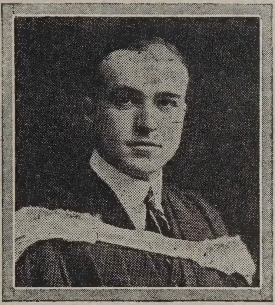
Under the W.M.S. (W.D.): Misses M. Ramsay, Ethel C. Chisholm, Dorothy Douglas, to Formosa; Miss Jean C. MacLean, to Japan; Miss Luella I. Crockett, to Manchuria; Miss Mary Murray, to British Guiana.

Under the Church: Dr. John Howie, to Bhil Field, India; Mr. A. A. Lowther, to Gwalior Mission, India; Dr. M. G. and Mrs. Graham, and Dr. Eugene Stevens, to Formosa; Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Koffend, to Manchuria, Mr. C. G. Wilson, to British Guiana, and on May 16th Mr. Gordon Taylor, of Toronto, to Formosa. This makes 15 in 16 months. Our one regret is that all the photographs were not available for this issue.

Miss Margaret Ramsay
to Formosa

Miss Ethel M. Chisholm
to Formosa

Miss Dorothy Douglas
to Formosa



Dr. M. G. Graham
to Formosa

Mrs. M. G. Graham
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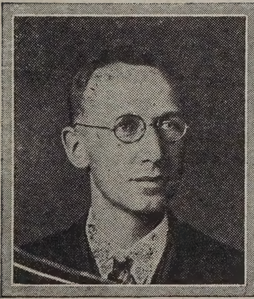
Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Koffend
to Manchuria



Mr. A. A. Lowther
to India

Dr. Eugene Stevens
to Formosa

Dr. John Howie
to India

Church Missionaries Designated

AN impressive designation was held in Chalmers Church, Toronto, on April 25th, when Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Graham, of Exeter, and Dr. E. S. Stevens, of London, Ontario, were officially set apart for work in the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital, Formosa. Rev. James Wilson, D.D., acting Moderator of Toronto Presbytery, officiated, and Rev. F. G. Vesey led in the dedicatory prayer, Rev. A. S. Grant, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Missions, addressed the missionaries and congregation and assured them of the whole-hearted support of the Church at home; Mrs. D. Strachan, President of the Women's Missionary Society, also spoke. Chalmers Church has a very particular interest in Dr. Graham for he is to be supported by their congregation. At the reception which followed, Rev. J. M. MacGillivray, minister of the Church, on behalf of the people of the Church, presented several books to the missionaries designate; a Life Membership certificate and W.M.S. pin were presented to Mrs. Graham. Mrs. Graham is a graduate nurse.

Three Deaconesses Designated

MISS ROSE PATON

THE solemn and beautiful designation ceremony of the Presbyterian Church was carried out at Duff's Presbyterian Church, Dunwich, on Friday evening, when one of the young members of the Church, Miss Rose Paton was designated for service as a deaconess of the Presbyterian Church in Canada by the Presbytery of London in conjunction with the Board of the W.M.S. Miss Paton has been appointed by the W.M.S. as deaconess to the Scott Institute, Toronto, the Presbyterian Mission to the Jews in Toronto. Rev. J. Laird, B.D., of St. Thomas, Moderator of the Presbytery of London, conducted the designation service, and Rev. T. D. Rayner of Wallacetown delivered the charge to the deaconess. Rev. G. C. Webster of London preached the sermon and Rev. Morris Zeidman, Superintendent of the Scott Institute, Toronto, gave an address on the Jewish Mission work of the Presbyterian Church. The presentation of gifts from friends and co-workers made a happy closing. Miss Rose Paton, the new deaconess, recently graduated from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

MISS LOIS MCRAE

A very beautiful and impressive service was conducted in Victoria Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on the evening of Sunday, April 21st, when Miss Lois McRae was designated by the minister, Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, D.D., as a deaconess. Miss McRae graduated from the

Missionary and Deaconess Training Home this year, is a resident of West Toronto and has been an enthusiastic worker in Victoria Church for a number of years, and is active in Sunday School and C.G.I.T. work.

Dr. D. D. MacDonald, Clerk of Session, at the close of the impressive designation service presented her with a Bible from the session of the Church. Rev. A. F. McGregor, Clerk of Toronto Presbytery, brought the greetings of the Presbytery to her and Miss W. Ferguson, Superintendent of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, pinned the deaconess emblem on her dress.

Miss McRae has accepted a position as deaconess in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and goes splendidly equipped into her chosen field of Christian labor, carrying with her the best wishes for her success of a host of friends.

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson

The designation of Miss Dorothy Jenkinson took place in St. Andrew's Church, Scarboro, on April 18th. Although the service was held on a Thursday afternoon and at the busiest season of the year, men, women and girls came from the whole countryside. The service was conducted by Col. Burch, Miss Jenkinson's minister, who expressed his pleasure that although Miss Jenkinson had been associated for many years with Guelph and Toronto Churches, she should prefer to come back to a country Church to be designated. But those who sat that day in that quaint old Church, crowded with her family and friends, and saw the brass tablet on the wall with her name among those who gave war service, understood. Addresses were given by Prof. Morrow, of Knox College, and Rev. L. B. Gibson, D.D., of Cooke's Church, to which Miss Jenkinson was attached for two years. The presentation of the Deaconess pin by Miss Ferguson, Superintendent of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home of which Miss Jenkinson is a recent graduate; a Life Membership certificate in the W.M.S. and an autograph quilt, the work of the Sunday School, brought the gathering to a close. Miss Jenkinson has been appointed by the W.M.S. as deaconess at large in Vancouver.

An Appreciation of Miss Caroline Macdonald's Social Services to Japan

A LETTER with a Yokohama postmark brought the following interesting reference to Dr. Caroline Macdonald. It was clipped from the *Japanese Advertiser* and was sent by a lady not a member of our Church, who knew our interest in Miss Macdonald and had heard ''from foreign ladies living in Yokohama of her wonderful work.''

''A large number of foreign residents drawn from many nationalities, attended the farewell luncheon given at the Chuotei in honor of Dr. Caroline Macdonald who is leaving for Geneva to attend the annual conference of the International Labor Organization as interpreter to the Japanese workers' delegation. Mr. K. Matsuoka, the Labor delegate, was also present with two of his advisers, Mr. Watanabe and Mr. Miki, representing textile workers and government employees.

The chairman of the International Section of the League of Nations Association of Japan, Mr. Hugh Byas, presided and briefly described some of the social services in which Miss Macdonald had done individual and pioneering work. As a visitor to prisons she had helped many men to regain their self-respect and rebuild their character and had made them once more useful members of society. And in helping the "bottom dog" she had also helped his keeper. She had gained the confidence of the officials, and they had learned that punishment had little social value unless conduced to reformation. In the Shinrinkan she had established, on the lines of Toynbee Hall and Hull House, a settlement, partly educational with classes and official status, partly social, a center where her neighbors in the working class district of Shiba, and especially her younger neighbors whose youth demanded something more than monotonous toil, found the fellowship and recreation which were the savor and salt of life.

Lastly, in advising and helping the new Japanese labor movement she was performing a social service of great value. The Labor movement in Japan, said the speaker, small as it is, has great potentialities. It shows a spirit of self-help. It shows that the liberating movement of Meiji has penetrated to the humblest strata of Japanese society. The people who need to be levelled up are trying to make good their claims by orderly and constitutional means, and it is not surprising that Miss Macdonald should be found helping them, for her most marked characteristic has always been an uncommonly keen eye for some task that needed to be done and quiet efficiency in doing it, he concluded.

Miss Macdonald, in a short reply, said the labor movement in this country was at a stage where it would either develop as a constructive, constitutional agent of reform, or would become a disintegrating and probably sterile force. She paid a high tribute to Mr. Matsuoka, himself a worker, who was bringing talents of high order to the upbuilding of the movement on sound lines, and had been chosen by his fellows to represent them at the world parliament of labor at Geneva.

Mr. Matsuoka said that nothing gave him greater confidence in his task than the fact that Miss Macdonald had consented to accompany the delegation and act as interpreter and counsellor. She would not only interpret his words to the convention but she would interpret to him and his colleagues the spirit of the international labor movement."

Prayer

"Give unto the Lord glory"

GLORY be to God on high and in earth peace good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Thou unseen, but yet well known to us, Who hast so often blessed us with Thy Presence, we believe in Thy real Presence with us now. Thou unto whom all hearts be open and Who desirest truth in the inward parts, create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us, lift up our hearts from the ways of earth, we who are so little spiritual. So shall we walk aright, so shall we please Thee. We would remember before Thee the work of this Society and ask Thee to prevent us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor and further us with Thy continual help that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Name. To those known to us who in our land or in foreign lands serve Thee, we pray Thy benediction. Thou knowest those who follow Thee in loneliness, discouragement and perplexity, and who are separated from so much that we count dear. To all these Thy people grant Thy heavenly grace. For those of our number who are in trouble, sorrow, need and sickness, and none of us, O Lord, are without need of Thy healing hand, hear our prayers and in Thy mercy heal us all. We commit ourselves and all that concerns us to Thy kind care and Thy eternal love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR LETTER BOX

A Chinese C.G.I.T. Organized in Victoria

Victoria.

"While attending the annual Provincial in Vancouver, I had the pleasure of meeting our workers among the Chinese, Miss Crawford and Miss Dickman. I also had the opportunity of visiting the Chinese missionary's manse together with the other delegates. It was a great joy to me to find Mr. Yeung and his family so comfortably domiciled. They certainly feel very grateful to the women of the W.M.S.

On April 4th I attended the Easter concert in Victoria mission. The hall was filled with Chinese friends, only four white people were present, and the play, given entirely in Chinese, seemed to prove very interesting and instructive. It was written by Mr. Leung, our missionary, and was based on Easter themes. Mr. Leung had asked Miss Scott and me to prepare the children to put on some items between the scenes, so our part was comparatively slight. An admission fee was charged and about $30 was realized which will go towards our allocation to the Budget.

Miss Scott and I have frequently discussed the wisdom of organizing a C.G.I.T. or Y.W. Auxiliary for our teen-age girls, who seemed to have outgrown the Mission Band, but we decided to wait until the girls themselves asked for it. Our patience was rewarded by the girls, two weeks ago, asking if I would try to find a young woman who could coach them in basketball, and they also informed me that they would like to form a C.G.I.T. Group. We were only too pleased to agree to their request and have secured Miss Ogilvie, a very fine girl, to come down once a week to coach the girls in their basket ball in our very fine basement. Then yesterday afternoon Mrs. Davies, the Presbyterial Secretary of Girls' Work, met with us at the Mission. A group of ten or more girls were organized as a C.G.I.T. Group, with Miss Scott as their leader. They are just the very finest girls you ever saw.''

—Mrs. E. Macqueen.

BITS ABOUT OUR INDIAN WORK

Mistawasis

''I have thirteen pupils on the roll. Since Easter the attendance has been quite small because of the bad roads. During the spring and fall, when the days are long and warm, all the children will go home every night. I will give them a hot dinner which will be good for them.''

—Miss MacQueen.

''Cecilia Jeffrey''

''Some 65 to 70 pupils can be accommodated in the new school. Captain Edwards, the Indian agent, has asked Mr. Byers to go with him on his Treaty trip this year which is an excellent idea if recruiting of new pupils is to be encouraged. The average attendance for March quarter was 68.2. I am asking Mr. and Mrs. Byers to come down for some days to observe and question as they see fit. Presumably the best time will be immediately after the gardening and farming operations are completed, possibly with the Agent at Treaty some time in May. Our old school is 45 miles from Kenora by water, a somewhat tortuous course. We are still surrounded by a great field of ice (April 20th) 2½ inches to 3 feet thick and I quite expect it will be two weeks or more before the ice goes out, but the horses will go up as soon after as possible. We may have difficulty getting mail in or out for the next two weeks.'' *—A. D. Menzies.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for June

"THE ROYAL ROAD"

Psalm—93, verses 1, 2, 5, 6. *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 221). *Scripture Reading*—Isaiah 52. *Hymn*—58. *Minutes. Roll Call. Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Chapter XIV—"Japan, the Sunrise Way." *Hymn*—372. *Closing Prayer*

SUGGESTIONS: Preparatory to the study of chapter XIV have the presiding officer read or tell the story of Commodore Perry's entering the Bay of Yeddo (not Teddo as given in the book). Follow this with two papers by members. Let the first be entitled "Miss Caroline A. Macdonald, LL.D., of Tokyo," tell of her life and work and what share the W.M.S. has in the service she is rendering the girls of Japan. See *Glad Tidings*, April, 1928, June, 1929, March, 1929, p. 81. Have the second paper on "Our Work Among the Koreans in Japan"—See *Glad Tidings*, April, 1929, p. 22, June, 1929. For picture and story of the designation of our W.M.S. missionary, Miss Jean C. MacLean, see July-August *Glad Tidings*, p. 247. If desired use the lovely new lantern slide lecturette. The interest would be quickened by having costumes.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Summer Schools and Camps

EVEN as the sun's rays absorb the moisture from the earth, the plants and the trees, leaving them parched, dried and lifeless, so the girls in a Sunday School class, or group, absorb the energy, and resources mental and spiritual of their leader, leaving her by the end of June feeling the need for refreshment if she is to carry on anew in September.

The Church stands ready to meet this very need with summer schools at:

Huntingdon, Quebec—July 1-8.
Knox College, Toronto—July 8-15.
Couchiching, Ontario—July 29-August 5.
Pumpkin Point, Ontario—July 17-24.
Vancouver, Keates Island—Late July.

At each of these schools there will be spiritual enrichment through a course of Bible study, worship and fellowship. In the specialized departments, leadership will be given in children's, girls', boys' and young people's work. The missionary programme of our Church will be fully presented by those best equipped to do so.

Following a busy morning, an afternoon of rest and recreation is very acceptable, and so the committees in charge arrange accordingly for your comfort and enjoyment.

But to meet and companion with the workers in our Church, who are teaching or leading groups, outstanding ministers, missionaries and leaders is perhaps the very part of the programme which will revitalize and enthuse you.

That your girls too may catch a new vision of life and realize the glorious privilege to be alive and able to share in these days, camps are provided. Very soon you will receive information from the Provincial Girls' Work Secretary regarding the organized camps in your province for Canadian Girls in Training. Some leaders are planning camps for their own groups. Help and material will be gladly furnished for the Bible study periods and interest groups if you write us (Room 701, 372 Bay St., Toronto). At Rockwood, Ontario, a girls' camp, Aug. 1-8, is being arranged by the Guelph Presbytery and from Fort William we hear rumors of another such venture. At Sylvan Lake, Alberta, camp for girls, July 10-20. At the C.G.I.T. camps the morning watch is prepared around the thought provoking theme, ''Mine is the whole majestic past, and mine the shining future,'' and the Bible study is to be on ''The Life of Paul.''

At all the co-operative camps Presbyterian leadership is sought and each province should see that such is provided.

To lead a group of girls is a glorious privilege, and to be prepared through special study and renewed consecration to lead is also our privilege and our duty. He calls, ''Come ye apart.'' Will you not heed the call?

We regret that a complete list of Provincial Camps is not available in time for this issue.

Affiliated Groups.—Alberta: ''Wakota'' Club, First Church, Edmonton. Ontario: ''Aviators'', Central Church, Brantford; ''Wohelo'' Group, Cooke's Church, Toronto; ''Boultezen-avant,'' Knox Church, Brantford; Bluebird and ''Li-lo-li'' Group, Chalmers Church, Toronto.

''Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift,
Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gift.''

MISSION BANDS

THE MISSION BAND HOUR

MRS. GEO. J. VANSTON

THE Mission Band hour at the Provincial meeting at Hamilton was sixty minutes of worth while. After the opening devotional exercises, led by Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Algoma Presbyterial, the boys and girls of the Hamilton Mission Bands presented a pageant, ''The Bible and Missions.'' The children had been carefully trained by Mrs. McGillivray and deserve credit for their splendid work. This was the first time this pageant had been used in Ontario, but it is now available through our Exchange Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Carter.

An outline of the programme shows a girl representing ''Unbelief in Missions'' dressed in white, over which is a black coat, or cape, seated with a Bible in her hand near a table on which a lighted candle stands. Crouched on the floor behind her in a semi-circle are seven children representing other countries, each child covered with something black and each holding an unlighted candle. On an easel on the platform stands ''Our Missionary Bible'' made of full-sized sheets of poster-board. As ''Unbelief in Missions'' searches her Bible, what she finds is portrayed through the ''pages'' of ''The Missionary Bible.'' On these pages are found ''Practical Helps for Believers'' and quotations *re* missions as found from Genesis to Revelation. When ''Unbelief in Missions'' has reached the book of Revelation she throws open her coat revealing on her breast in gold letters ''Belief in Missions.'' She then turns to Practical Helps and finds ''How It Brightens Our Outlook,'' ''Guides on Praying'' and shows us ''How to Become Christians.'' When she reaches the page on prayer, she drops to her knees, and as she prays, the children, one at a time as prayed for, throw off their black covering, and with smiling faces light their candles from the large one in the centre of the table. A fitting climax is reached with the singing of ''Lead On, O King Eternal.''

After the pageant the children marched to a section of the Church where they were addressed by the Provincial Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Vanston. Taking some thoughts from ''The Bible and Missions'' the speaker compared the Bible to a library. Few of the children thought they had a library, but all had a Bible, which with its sixty-six books form the very keystone of any library.

Using the word ''Joy'' the message of the Mission Band was stressed—**J**, for Jesus, the great Leader whom all children love; **O**, for others, the very message of missions; and **Y**, for yourself, showing the relative position necessary to obtain real joy. Taking a four-storey building as an example, the foundation is always the most important, and the Mission Band is the real foundation of every missionary effort. The next storey, the Canadian Girls in Training, the next the Young Women's work and the top, the W.M.S. Auxiliary.

Referring to the C.G.I.T. the speaker invited to the platform the Secretary of the Girls' Work, Mrs. Ekins, and on behalf of the Provincial Board, Mrs. Vanston presented Mrs. Ekins with a Life Membership certificate for her three months' old baby boy, Douglas George. A brief reply from Mrs. Ekins closed an excellent session.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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Annual Meeting

OVER 30 out-of-town delegates attended the 15th annual meeting of the Alberta Provincial W.M.S. in Edmonton, April 10th and 11th. Two years before there had been 8.

Alberta now has 30 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 592; 8 Associate Societies, with 45 members; 6 Y.W.A.'s, with 126 members; 17 C.G.I.T. Groups, with 254 members; 25 Mission Bands, with 477 members, making altogether, 86 organizations, with 1,494 members.

During 1928 $5,226.69 had been raised; Calgary giving $2,819.46; Red Deer, $637.50, and Edmonton, $1,619.14. $4,700 had been sent to Toronto, $200 over the allocation. An increased allocation, $5,000, is asked for 1929 and was accepted, Red Deer to take $50 more, Calgary, $200, and Edmonton, $150.

A system of tenure of office, passed at the 1928 Provincial without conforming to the rules of constitution regarding notice of motion, etc., on vote of the meeting was deleted from the minutes, and notice given that a scheme will be brought in, sent down to the Auxiliaries for consideration, and discussed at the 1930 meeting.

On grounds of economy it was decided to discontinue the publication of the *News Bulletin* with the April issue, and to concentrate on the distribution of the *Glad Tidings* and the *Record.*

Mrs. Kinnaird, Edmonton, and Mrs. McMicking, Calgary, substitutes Mrs. McTavish, Edmonton, and Mrs. McClenneghan, Lethbridge, will represent the Board at the Council Meeting at Ottawa, while from the Provincial will go Mrs. McRitchie, Edmonton; Mrs. C. E. Fisher, Olds;

and Mrs. C. E. Jamieson, Calgary, with Mrs. Acheson, Edmonton; Miss Bamsey, Innisfail; and Mrs. J. A. Clarke, Calgary, as substitutes.

Miss Crockett, of South China, soon going to Manchuria, special speaker, gave three delightful addresses on work among Chinese in Canada, and conditions and work in China. Miss Johnston gave an intimate picture of life in Vegreville school homes, and Mrs. McQueen a résumé of hospital work in the province.

At a banquet Wednesday evening, greetings were brought from Synod and from the Anglican, Baptist and United Missionary Societies. The night programme was given by the Young People, and a pageant put on by Rupert Street Mission Band. Miss Moors reported the Detroit Students' Volunteer Movement Convention.

Dr. McQueen installed the officers, changes being Mrs. Carbert, Medicine Hat, 3rd Vice-President; Mrs. Revie, Life Membership; Mrs. Walker, Calgary, Welcome and Welfare, and Mrs. Carmichael, Carstairs, Lantern Slide Secretary. No Press Secretary was elected.

Nominating committee for 1930—Presbyterial Presidents, with Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Cameron, Calgary.

Miss Ross, Fort McMurray, sent flowers.

Supplies sent were valued at $691.19, as follows: hospitals, $336.70; school homes, $305.22; mission fields, $49.27. Literature sold was valued at $150.49; 11 pins at $27.50; 200 Christmas calendars, *Glad Tidings* subscriptions, 749. Two new sets of slides are on hand, making seven sets.

Calgary has 90 Home Helpers, giving $210.82; Edmonton, 202, giving $372.62; and Red Deer, 36, giving $35.45, making a total of 328, giving $618.75.

525 copies of the *News Bulletin* had been sent monthly to 113 post offices, to the cost of which the W.M.S. had given $50 and $39.29 had been donated.

Calgary has 11 Mission Bands, with 191 members, giving $228.10, 13 Junior and 2 Life Members; supplies valued of $24. Edmonton has 10 Bands, with 234 members, giving $222,15; supplies, $49.19; 15 Junior and 1 Life Member and 2 second year seals. Red Deer has 4 Bands, 52 members, giving $33.20; 6 Junior Members.

Calgary had sent a library of 200 books, 4 Bibles and an Encyclopedia to Vegreville school homes. Red Deer had collected a library—sent in 1929 —for Rocky Mountain House; and Edmonton had sent 489 lbs. of literature, all this in addition to supplies of Sunday School papers, 143 hymnals, and much other literature where needed.

Dr. White writes:

I understand that the April number will be the last issue of the *News Bulletin*. It was a happy thought that started the *Bulletin* in the early days of the re-organization of our Church. I believe it has served a good purpose and during its existence of over three years has been to us a very great help. Many, doubtless, will miss its news, as it kept us in touch with our work all over the province, and brought encouragement to many a struggling group. It is with regret that we see it pass out.

The Easter Thank-offering of First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton, was $182.01. The $75.16 reported last month was the Home Helpers quarterly contribution, and is included in the Thank-offering total.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Edmonton, at a recent social evening showed a set of slides from the university, which, in a triangle tour along the west coast showed the need of auxiliary work in that field.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Lethbridge, held its March meeting on Sunday, when Miss Pelton gave a forceful address on the fundamental rules for prayer, as drawn up at the great international missionary conference held in Jerusalem last year. At the April meeting Miss Currie gave the introductory lesson in the study of *The Royal Road.* While in Lethbridge Miss Pelton addressed the combined Mission Bands and spoke at the regular meeting of the Y.P.A.

The year 1928 was a satisfactory one for the W.M. Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Banff. $100 was raised without resorting to teas or any other outside source of revenue.

The Mission Band presented a delightful pageant on the claims of home and foreign missions.

Personal

In publishing the last issue of *The News Bulletin,* I wish to erpress my personal thanks to the many kind friends who have kept me in touch with the news of the province, and to those whose generous donations have contributed to its support. Through it I have touched the lives of many whose faces are unknown, but whose co-operation was appreciated and who long will be remembered. Therefore in closing I would say ''Thanks'' and ''God Speed.''

G. M. ACHESON,
Former Provincial Press Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. WM. CUTHBERT, 1820-5TH AVE. WEST, VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting was held in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, on April 2nd and 3rd, the President, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, presiding.

The reports of the activities of the year were given by the various officers:— The Treasurer reported receipts of $6453, an increase of $400 over the allocation. Home Helpers showed increased membership; all allocations were met in the Supply Department; 1,224 visits were made by the Welcome and Welfare Secretary; four libraries had been sent to minority groups; there are 7 Young Women's Auxiliaries; 30 Mission Bands with 651 members; and an increase was reported in the C.G.I.T. department. The Corresponding Secretary reported 94 branches in 4 Presbyterials, with a membership of 1643. Four young women have gone into active service: Miss Mary Grigor, of St. Paul's Church, to work in the home mission field; Miss Mary Binnie, in China, under the China Inland Mission Board; Miss Ellen Douglas and Miss Catherine Moody are taking special training in Toronto, before going overseas.

Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell of Victoria gave an earnest address telling of his work in China, ''Too many mistakes have been made in the past'' said Mr. Luttrell, ''and our prayer should be that God will overrule all errors and give His servants a new vision. Let our earnest endeavor be to win souls, education and all else will follow.''

Mrs. Ledingham gave a most interesting account of her visit to the interior telling of many difficulties and discouragements met and overcome by the faithful and determined people of the Upper Country. She also stressed the importance of each member of the W.M.S. working to get the boys. ''We need boys as well as girls'' said Mrs. Ledingham, ''not all our missionaries are women, and so often our boys are lost to the Church after the teen age. Let us get hold of our boys.''

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. James Herd who spoke fittingly from Romans 15:1.

It was indeed encouraging to hear reports such as were given by Mrs. Macqueen, Chinese worker of Victoria, and others. Our new Chinese appointee, Miss Sybil Crawford, was introduced to the gathering, by Miss Dickman.

About fifty delegates and visitors were received at the Chinese manse, by Rev. and Mrs. Yeung assisted by Miss Crawford and Miss Dickman. All expressed themselves delighted with the home which our W.M.S. has made so comfortable for this lovely family growing like the flowers whose names they bear—Lily, Daisy, Pansy, Rose, Violet, Sweet William and wee David.

Mrs. Ledingham entertained the Provincial Board at dinner on Wednesday evening.

Victoria P.S.—At the annual Provincial meeting held in Vancouver, this Presbyterial was well represented. Delegates were sent from St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Knox' the Gorge, and Sooke. Their reports are most gratifying. We feel that our labor has not been in vain. God has blessed us and will continue so to do.

Westminster P.S.—At a well attended Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Stephen's W.M.S. Auxiliary, Mrs. D. Adams and Mrs. A. Ronald were recipients of Life Membership pins. Presentation was made by Mrs. Gordon to Mrs. Adams on behalf of the Auxiliary; and to Mrs. Ronald by Mrs. Herd on behalf of the Home Helpers of this Church. Mrs. Herd gave a lecture on British Guiana. A generous offering was received.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary, of Murrayville, heard an interesting address by Mrs. Cox, on the work of Presbyterian missionaries in Formosa.

Readers are reminded to avail themselves of the Exchange Department. A paper has been prepared by Mrs. G. W. Ledingham entitled ''Christian Stewardship.'' Others will be added from time to time.

Kootenay P.S.—Cranbrook Auxiliary held its Easter Thank-offering meeting, April 3rd. An inspiring address was given by Rev. J. McLean Bell, newly inducted minister. Mrs. W. E. Worden, President, gave a brief history of the Society since its inception. The Y.W. Auxiliary provided two musical numbers, and a solo was sung by Mrs. McLean Bell.

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MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

THE Easter Thank-offering of the W.M.S. of Old Kildonan Presbyterian Church was held in Nisbet Hall, April 11th. The President, Mrs. R. B. Anderson, presided. Mrs. W. McKay read the scripture lesson. Mrs. R. McBeth gave an enjoyable recitation. Mrs. H. A. Robson gave an inspiring talk on Prayer. A generous offering was received.

Superior P.S. held their regular meeting April 11th, Mrs. Delbridge in the chair. Mrs. Ballantyne had charge of the devotions. Reports were all encouraging. Mrs. Elliott reported one Senior and two Junior Life Members. The delegates to Manitoba Provincial meeting gave their reports. Having said good-bye last year, to Ontario we were very kindly welcomed into the Manitoba Society.

Fort William.—The Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church have presented the West Fort William congregation with a lot centrally located for their new church, which is to be erected this summer. The group is not very large. Since 1925 they have been having Sunday School and service in an old store. St. Andrew's congregation is interested in them and will help them to finance their new church. Miss Grigor, Deaconess, has been in charge since fall and has done splendid work.

Brandon P.S.—The W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, held their meeting on the 16th with a large attendance. An inspiring address was given by Miss Laura Pelton, Field Secretary. The delegates to the Manitoba Provincial recently held in Winnipeg gave good reports. At the close of the meeting a very pleasant event took place when Mrs. E. W. Byers, a faithful worker in the W.M.S. and Mission Band, was presented with a travelling bag and a silver tray as a farewell gift.

Winnipeg P.S.—The Easter Thank-offering meeting of First Presbyterian W.M.S., Winnipeg, was held on April 10th. Mrs. Long acted as chairman. The meeting was largely attended. Miss Laura K. Pelton was the speaker, and gave echoes from the Foreign Missions Conference at Detroit. The address was an inspiration to all present. The wish was expressed that every member of the congregation might have the privilege of hearing it.

It is with pleasure we announce that Miss Laura K. Pelton, Field Secretary, is now in Winnipeg. Dates for meetings have been arranged by the Winnipeg Presbyterial, covering that field. Miss Pelton is giving a course of four lectures to the young women and older girls in order to create a more comprehensive and sympathetic attitude toward missions. We believe that her work among us will result in real benefit and blessing to all who may be privileged to hear her. Practically all Auxiliaries will be given an opportunity of having Miss Pelton address them.

ONTARIO

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Annual Meeting

THE fifteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society was convened in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, April 23rd, 24th and 25th. As this building afforded excellent facilities for such gatherings, the committee in charge of the arrangements had been able to provide every comfort for the delegates. The auditorium, the soft light of its colored windows falling upon dark woodwork, richly carved and polished with such loving care, seemed daily to grow more beautiful. The spire—stone to the top, and therefore, ''a true spire''—held the chimes which marked the swift passing of the crowded hours, and in all our wanderings through the streets guided our returning steps.

An air of cheerfulness prevailed. The printed reports, ''spoken to'' for the most part, provoked animated discussion. Mrs. T. Delbridge, of Port Arthur, represented Superior Presbyterial, lost to Ontario, gained by Manitoba, and to her Mrs. J. A. Milne conveyed the Society's loving farewell.

There was an elasticity in the programmes, which were carried through smoothly, with informality and, invariably, with time to spare at the close. The speeches were concise. It was the Hamilton Press

Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Wilkes, who expressed so well the value of brevity. ''Words,'' she quoted, ''are like sunbeams; the more they are condensed, the more they burn.'' But toward the devotional periods there was a different attitude on the part of our President, Mrs. William Rochester, who presided throughout. Here was no haste. There was first the song of praise, led by the organ, the magnetic player screened from our view; then the reading of the scripture and its interpretation. Lastly, the lifting up of hearts in prayer and all were strengthened for the coming tasks. Each session was closed with prayer—dedicatory prayer, such as followed the acceptance of $138,000 as our allocation for 1930—the Lord's prayer—silent prayer.

Each address was a vivid word picture of some phase of our various fields of service. The young people's work was presented first, by Miss Edith Sinclair. Alert, keen, sympathetic, she was herself the embodiment of ''The challenge of youth'', demanding from the older women that they shall not fail the younger in their endeavor to reach the highest of their ideals. As this was to be her last appearance amongst us as Girls' Work Secretary, she introduced her successor, Miss Winifred Yuill, and bespoke for her the loyal support of the Society which she herself had enjoyed. Followed, the Superintendent of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Miss Winifred Ferguson, reviewing the good work of the year just closed, and emphasizing the duty of the most careful preparation one can make to become fit for the Master's service. Our National mission work by Mrs. Daniel Strachan, President of the Women's Missionary Society, the work most dear to us because it is our native land, the land we love so much, encouraging words concerning our membership, our contributions, our hospitals, our school homes, our magazine. ''Our work in British Guiana,'' by Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, illustrated with colored views—the story of a visit to that tropical field, wittily and happily told. ''Overseas Fields,'' by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, who spoke with authority of Japan, Manchuria, South China, Formosa and India. Through all these lands does the W.M.S. follow and support our beloved Church, first, last and all the time.

Two scenes will long be tenderly remembered. Barbara Watson, the great-great-grandchild of Mrs. James Watson, one of the former Presidents of Hamilton Presbyterial, comes shyly up the aisle, mounts the steps of the platform, presents to that gracious lady, Mrs. M. B. McQuesten, our Honorary President, a bunch of spring flowers, is lifted upon the table where all may see the little, white-frocked child, is put down again, quickly disappears.

A Mission Band pageant reveals the Bible as a missionary book from cover to cover. How eager are the young faces! How engrossed each child upon the part assigned. They form a line across the platform, descend, pass down one aisle, then up another, the Christian flag carried high—the Church Militant in miniature. Seated again in their special section, they are addressed by the Provincial Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. George J. Vanston. She makes for them an acrostic, the lesson of which is equally for the older W.M.S. members.

J—Jesus first
O—Others next
Y—Yourself last

Skilfully has been arranged the climax, when Mrs. William Ekins is asked to accept from her fellow members on the Provincial Board, an engrossed Life Membership certificate for her infant son, whose birth has been the cause of so much joy.

Thus the interest deepens, until hearts, responsive because emotionally exalted, are touched by the solemnity of the installation ceremony and the closing words, ''Go ye, therefore, home to carry on His work.''

Returning to the valleys, the ambassadors, who had been called together to confer upon the business of their King, found the realization of Mrs. MacKellar's prayer for them. All the paths of service were indeed radiant in the glow shining upon them from the mountain heights.

The invitation of the Toronto Presbyterial to hold the next annual meeting in Toronto was accepted.

Your Press Secretary regrets that, owing to a misunderstanding with the Hamilton ''Spectator,'' she was unable to send all the issues of that paper to those delegates who subscribed for them. Copies of the Hamilton ''Herald'' were mailed instead.

Barrie P.S.—The World Day of Prayer was fittingly observed in Penetanguishene, when the three Protestant churches united in a service in the Presbyterian Church.

The ''Bright Sunbeams'' M.B., at Orillia, provided the programme for the regular W.M.S. meeting in April. A pageant, ''Crowning Easter,'' was given by the children and seventeen of them were presented with Junior Memberships for regular attendance, as an Easter Thank-offering from interested W.M.S. members. A collection amounting to $20.57 was received.

In March, the W.M.S. of Penetanguishene celebrated its 35th birthday, when Mrs. G. H. Wright, one of the charter members, gave a most interesting address, ''Reminiscences of our W.M.S., our Church and our Town.'' Other speakers were the minister, Rev. M. W. Heslip, Rev. Dr. Whittaker, of the Anglican Church, and Rev. McL. Smith, of the United Church. Former members sent gifts and congratulations. Donations amounted to $50.

A St. Patrick's birthday party was enjoyed by the Orillia M.B. Each child put into a little bag a cent for every year of his age. There were 69 children present and the offering amounted to $9.00.

Chatham P.S.—The several missionary organizations of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, have been actively engaged in raising money towards their allocations. The mother Auxiliary sponsored two organ recitals, to which the people responded splendidly; the Y.W.A. held a tea and sale of aprons and baked goods; and the senior girls put on a play, ''The Girl Who Forgot.'' The First Church of Chatham held a successful tea, March 26th.

Toronto P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of Victoria Church Auxiliary, Toronto, was held in the auditorium of the Church on Easter Sunday morning. Mrs. Daniel Strachan spoke on the work in the home and foreign fields. At the evening service, Miss Lois McRae, an honor graduate from the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, was designated as deaconess.

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Annual Meeting

THE twelfth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, Tuesday, April 16th. The reports from the various Departmental Secretaries were most encouraging. Special mention might be made of the increase in numbers and interest among our young women and girls, also large increase of Life Members during the past year. The Treasurer's report was most satisfactory showing that both Presbyterials had exceeded their allocations.

Mrs. I. C. Sharp, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll and Mr. J. G. Pelton were the principal speakers. All the sessions of the meeting were very fine. Everything was well arranged and efficiently carried out. Too high praise cannot be given to the ladies of St. Andrew's Church for the manner in which they entertained the delegates and saw to their comfort.

Fifty Auxiliaries were reported as having sent delegates.

The changes in officers,—Miss L. A. Sinclair is Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. Howard Fraser is Mission Band Secretary.

Montreal P.S.—The quarterly Executive meeting was held, April 19th, in Knox-Crescent Church, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, President, in the chair. Gratifying reports from the various Secretaries were given, showing the enthusiasm with which each officer has entered upon her year's work. The Treasurer reported that receipts to April 9th totalled $3,012.34.

A splendid report was given by Mrs. A. W. Pae on the work being done among the young girls' groups. Interest in this department is growing throughout the Presbyterial, one leader of a girls' group told Mrs. Pae, that the girls were richer at the end of the year, for contact with the Auxiliaries. Reference was also made to the Young People's Conference to be held at Huntingdon, July 2nd to the 8th, when a good attendance is hoped for.

Mrs. R. A. Kerr gave a report on the Provincial meeting held in Quebec.

Annual Mission Band Rally

The annual Mission Band Rally of Montreal Presbyterial was held in St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, April 2nd. An interesting programme of choruses and pageants, effectively presented in costume by the different Mission Bands, was significant of the good work which is being carried on by the children and the Mission Band Leaders. Miss Reid's Chinese kindergarten class sang choruses in both English and Chinese. The banner was presented by Mrs. A. W. Lamb, to the "Light Bearers" of Stanley Church, Montreal, who will retain it for six months, after which it will be passed on to an out-of-town Band, at Georgetown, Que. Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President of the Provincial, addressed the children, impressing upon them that the children of the Mission Bands of to-day are the missionaries of the future. Over three hundred children were present.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Sec.

Annual Meeting

THE fifteenth annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, March 29th and 20th. The morning of the 19th was taken up by a meeting of the Board of Management. The ladies of the Convention Church acted as hostesses at lunch time. This provided an opportunity for the visiting delegates to become acquainted with one another.

The regular meeting opened at two o'clock. Mrs. McAra, President, presided at all the sessions. Devotional exercises at the various sessions were taken by representatives from the different Presbyterials. Mrs. Grant, of Saskatoon, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates, Mrs. Stanely, of Weyburn, replied.

Reports of each Secretary were submitted and in nearly every department progress was indicated. The Treasurer reported with pleasure that the allocation had been reached.

The conferences arranged between the different groups of reports brought out an abundance of useful and constructive criticisms.

The evening meeting was presided over by Rev. Mr. Garvin, of

Saskatoon. St. Andrew's choir led in the service of praise, also contributing two much appreciated anthems. Miss Luella Crockett was the special speaker, taking as her subject, "New China and its Challenge to us." She pictured China past and present, with its desire and aim to meet the west and the work to be done. She asked, "Are we willing to take the challenge?"

Greetings from Synod, from Rev. S. Farley, Regina, Moderator, were read. Mr. Farley referred to the contribution made by the women in the construction work of the Church. Greetings from the Council Executive of the W.M.S., sent through the President, Mrs. Strachan, were read. Other messages came from the Corresponding Secretary of the W.M.S., Miss MacMurchy, and from Mrs. Cochrane, of Arnprior, Ont., formerly of Qu'Appelle, Sask.

An invitation from First Presbyterian Church, Regina, to meet there in 1930 was accepted.

The register showed a good representation from all parts of the province. In spite of the fact that the work is so scattered, all were anxious to take the opportunity of attending these meetings.

Special mention might be made to Mrs. S. Cook, of Broadview. This was the first place to organize after union vote carried, and Mrs. Cook conducted services until they could get supply. She is just as earnest to-day as she was then.

Another item of special interest was the report of Mrs. Moore, who for years has worked on the Mistawasis Reserve. She spoke particularly of her Mission Band, composed entirely of Indian boys and girls, and the prominent part they take in carrying on Sunday School work.

Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, the historian, asked that any items of importance bearing on the history of the W.M.S. be sent her. Saskatchewan is the only province in Canada which has sent a historian's report to the Dominion Board. Mrs. Ferguson briefly reviewed the sixty-five years of existence of the Society. She mentioned particularly the work of Mrs. Ogilivie, of Briercrest, who was one of the Society's pioneers.

Changes in officers are as follows: President, Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Regina; Home Helpers Secretary—Mrs. J. W. Hedley, Regina; Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Craig, Moose Jaw; Historian, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Regina.

The installation prayer was made by Miss Crockett. The sessions closed with prayer by Mrs. Honeyman, Maple Creek.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Parkview W.M.S. an interesting report of the Provincial meeting was read. An Easter Message, written by Mrs. Kannawin, of Toronto, was given, and Mrs. R. H. A. Haslam addressed the meeting.

In the death of the Rev. W. J. Burnett, of Parkview, the W.M.S. of our Church has lost a valued supporter. The sincere sympathy of all missionary workers goes out to Mrs. Burnett and family in their great bereavement.

Dr. Glover, Secretary of the China Inland Mission, gave a most interesting address in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, stressing the need and claims of that great suffering land.

At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, held April 11th, Rev. E. R. Garvin of Mayfair Mission, Saskatoon, was the special speaker, basing his remarks on the following words, "Giving, Going and Praying."

Regina P.S.—First Presbyterian Church W.M.S., Regina, held its Easter Thank-offering meeting April 25th. The special feature was an illustrated lecturette on our work in India given by Mrs. Hedley.

We were delighted to hear from our Nokomis Auxiliary this month. This Society held their Easter Thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. Bird. Mrs. J. W. Robinson addressed the meeting, taking as her topic, "What We as Women Owe to Our Lord." Mrs. Parker gave a report of the Provincial meeting. Mrs. Norris was presented with a Life Membership from the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Parker gave her daughter a Junior Membership certificate.

Moose Jaw P.S.—Knox Church W.M.S., Moose Jaw, held their Easter Thank-offering meeting on April 25th. A concise report of the Provincial meeting was given by Mrs. D. House, followed by an interesting travelogue on India by Rev. A. R. Ferguson, pastor of the Church. Mr. Ferguson spoke especially of our Gwalior Mission Station where the late Dr. Wilkie, our beloved missionary, labored for twenty-five years.

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Corrections

From April *Glad Tidings.* Miss K. Sutherland, Miss Jean Robertson and Miss Anna Robertson should be credited to the Gordon Aux., Knox Ch., Stratford. Mrs. S. McKibben's name should be in place of Miss Tanner, Lakefield Aux., Peterboro P.S.

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A Friend "Organ for Manchuria"	50.00
Alberta Provincial "Two Bible Women in India"	120.00
Mrs. Blott, Lloydminster, Sask. "Fort McMurray Hospital"	25.00
Pension received	15.10
Refund from Government for supplies sent to Indian Schools	172.28
Government grant received for "Cecilia Jeffrey"	2,819.43
Overseas Girls' Club, Montreal, "Miss McConnell's work in India"	32.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
British Columbia	425.00
Manitoba	385.00
Ontario	10,000.00
Quebec	1,300.00
Saskatchewan	495.00
	$15,893.81

DISBURSEMENTS	
South Porcupine Hospital	$ 825.00
McMurray Hospital	144.16
Canora Hospital	475.00
Vegreville Hospital	325.00
Chinese in Canada	514.72
Indian School, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	514.29
Indian School, Birtle	432.44
Indian School, Mistawasis	232.00
Government grant paid to "Cecilia Jeffrey"	2,477.68
Huntingdon School Home	322.92
New Liskeard School Home	64.16
Saskatoon School Home	154.16
Prince Albert School Home	115.00
Vegreville School Home	404.30
Social Service	1,004.05
South China	241.66
Manchuria, China	175.87
India, Bhil Field	2,500.00
British Guiana	66.67
Formosa	316.64
Pension	150.00
Publications	423.26
Organization	362.50
Supplies	136.50
Candidate	5.00
Miscellaneous	57.97
Council Expenses	1,735.00
Administration	687.48
	$14,863.43

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Balance on hand March 31st, 1929	$82,303.62	
Receipts	15,893.81	
Disbursements		$14,863.43
Bank Balance		23,886.68
Pension Fund		4,872.71
Legacy Fund		4,453.97
Sustaining Fund		37,659.68
Bonds		10,450.00
Associated Treasurers, China		400.00
Hong Kong Banking Corporation		250.00
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Editorial

WITH a feeling of deep gratitude to God we report that the Reverend Dr. John Buchanan, D.D., former Moderator of the General Assembly, and beloved India missionary, who was so seriously injured by a motor just before the General Assembly, is making a wonderful recovery. Writing of Dr. Buchanan's returning strength, Mrs. Buchanan gives expression to the joy and new courage it has brought herself and her family to know that so many people have been praying for Dr. Buchanan's recovery, and the new assurance this has brought that God is going to bless the dear Bhil people and all the missionaries with His own rich blessing.

IT IS WITH A SENSE of genuine sorrow that we have to inform our readers that Miss Jessie Parsons, the beloved Secretary-Treasurer of Publications, has withdrawn from the work after twenty-seven years of service. Her resignation was presented to the Council Meeting in Ottawa. The story of its reception and the tribute of the members to Miss Parsons' life of service will appear in the September *Glad Tidings.* Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne has been appointed Miss Parsons' successor, and members are requested to address all communications regarding the Publications Department to her, at this office.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE of the appointment of three new members to the Council Executive: Mrs. N. H. McGillivray, Mrs. Donald Gordon, and Miss Christina G. Kerr. All these ladies are well known to our members, Mrs. Gordon and Miss Kerr through their work on the Ontario Provincial Board, and Mrs. McGillivray as the wife of the late Rev. N. H. McGillivray, Convener of the General Board of Missions.

We would also draw attention to the re-arrangement of officers: the Secretary for Japan is now Mrs. N. H. McGillivray; Formosa, Mrs. W. A. J. Martin; Library, Miss C. G. Kerr; Student, Mrs. D. D. Calvin. Will those who have reason to write to these Secretaries make a special note of the changes.

IT IS WITH DEEPEST REGRET that we announce the resignation of Miss Edith A. Sinclair from the position of Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary. Miss Sinclair was a pioneer in this department and has blazed a trail so fine and so splendid that praise of it rings from end to end of the Dominion. Miss Sinclair's love for young people is not something she has acquired, she always possessed it, and long before she entered the service of the Church and W.M.S., the young people in Harriston, where her home was, had instinctively chosen her as their leader and taken her as their ideal. And when she entered the larger service of the Church, she carried with her that indefinable charm, that won for her the love and devotion of all the girls with whom she came in contact. Miss Sinclair is also a gifted speaker and those who have read her charming field letters sent to group leaders each quarter realize her sympathetic understanding of the needs of the girls and her evident gift in writing. While we realize how great is our loss in parting with Miss Sinclair as a Girls' Work Secretary, we rejoice that she will continue to be an integral part of our Church, since she is leaving the field to enter a home of her own as the wife of a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

WE REPORT WITH REGRET the resignation of Rev. A. D. Menzies from the principalship of the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, and of Mrs. Menzies from the position of matron. Mr. and Mrs. Menzies have been associated with this School since 1923, and their removal will be a great loss to the people who have known them all these years and to the School which they have carried on so efficiently.

Mr. E. W. Byers and Mrs. Byers, of Brandon, Man., have been chosen as their successors. Mr. Byers has been for the past six years principal of the ''David Livingstone'' School in Brandon, Man., and previous to that time he held similar posts in Moose Jaw and other places. He holds certificates in First Aid, Physical Training and Agriculture. Mrs. Byers possesses the knowledge essential in the conduct of such a School.

OUR PROVINCIAL PRESS SECRETARIES have been particularly generous to us in sending the full quota of material for July and August, forgetting probably that the July-August is a combined number. We make this explanation lest our readers wonder at space devoted to Provincial News, and because little, or none, will be available for Provincial happenings in the September issue which is the Council Meeting number.

THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING STATEMENT is made in a recent communication from Rev. L. L. Young, Kobe, Japan: ''With regard to Women's Mission Societies in the Korean churches I am glad to say we have made a beginning. We have one organized recently in one of the Osaka churches and now that a beginning has been made, others will follow.''

A RECENT ISSUE of a Vegreville newspaper giving an account of a Sunday morning meeting of the ''David Livingstone'' Mission Band of our School Home says in part:

''Six pupils received diplomas for having completed the catechism; six received the blue seal for memorizing proofs to the catechism, these seals being affixed to diplomas they had previously gained. Seven other pupils received gold seals on diplomas for completing their memory course of scripture and hymns. Since January, 1929, there have been sixty-five awards of certificates, diplomas and seals obtained by the pupils. Three Junior Membership pins and certificates were presented at this meeting and one at the March meeting.''

A later issue tells of the celebration of Victoria Day by the boys and girls of the School Home having a picnic. Before going on the joyful outing they met at 7.30 a.m. on the lawn of the Boys' Home to salute the Union Jack, which was raised by Miss Agnes McKee, matron of the Girls' Home. Miss Johnston gave a reading on the history of the Union Jack and all joined in singing national songs and hymns.

THE OFFICE of the Canadian School of Missions will be located in Trinity College, Hoskin Ave., during the interval between the recent vacating of the building on College Street and occupancy of the new building on St. George St.

WE ARE DELIGHTED to hear that the teen-age girls are becoming so interested in our W.M.S. work that they are willing to take part in raising the allocation. In the Prince Albert–Saskatoon Presbyterial, for instance, five dollars was sent in by one group of Girl Guides, and $44.20 from teen-age groups in different places for the nurses' home in the Bhil field.

THREE NEW STUDY BOOKS for 1929-30 are in process of preparation and will be ready for the fall. The Mission Band book, entitled ''Love's Candles,'' tells the story of our Church and W.M.S. and the national and overseas missions, with the exception of India and British Guiana, which were covered last year in ''Light Bearers.'' ''Lands of Promise'' is the happy title of the study book for teen-age girls. The story is woven around the Jerusalem Conference, the early messengers of the gospel, and our work in Formosa and among the Koreans in Japan. The Auxiliary book, ''The Couriers of the King,'' aims to bring before our Society women's participation in the spread of missions, and the summons to Christians from the Jerusalem Conference. These books contain informing material, written in such an interesting way that we are sure they will appeal to every member of the different branches. Further particulars and an outline of the chapters will appear in the September issue.

TWO NEW LEAFLETS, ''Stewardship'' and ''In a Garden,'' have been prepared by the Publications Department and are now available. ''Stewardship'' is in the form of an acrostic, and is a ringing call for best work. Price, two cents per copy. The second is a lovely picture of the happiness that comes to those who take time to linger in a beautiful garden listening to the voices that speak of God and the meaning of life. Price, five cents each.

Pensions Report

As Presented at the Council Meeting

BY MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN

UP to May 1st, 1929, there are twenty of our workers connected with the Pension Fund, of whom fifteen are missionaries overseas and five workers at home. These pay their own rates into the fund, based on their age when they apply for pension, and, in addition, the W.M.S. pays 5 per cent of their salaries into the fund in order to ensure them a prospective pension of $500.00. In 1928 this 5 per cent amounted to $882.49, which amount was taken out of the general fund. All missionaries before sailing for their fields must connect themselves with this fund.

In presenting this report I would like to call the attention of Council to something which some may have noticed and wondered about, the fact that there seems to be two pension funds. There is the pension fund which our Treasurer speaks of in her financial statement, and the pension fund of which I am convener for our W.M.S. A word of explanation is necessary. In 1925 at our meeting, it was agreed that 10 per cent of all salaries paid out should be set aside as the nucleus of a pension fund. This was done, and the W.M.S. Pension Fund at May, 1929, amounts to $15,322.71, of which $10,450.00 is invested in bonds and $4,872.71 is in the bank. At the time our fund was begun the Church had not established its pension fund. This has since been done and our W.M.S. workers are included in it.

Is our W.M.S. Pension Fund necessary then? Yes. One of our missionaries in India retired before the Church Pension Fund was in force and we pay her the old pension sum of $600.00 promised by our Society before 1925. Our Secretary-Treasurer of Publications will also receive a special pension of $500.00 a year from the fund, so that you see the fund does not at present yield enough interest to pay these. We should in addition have enough in this fund to meet the 5 per cent of the salaries of our missionaries connected with the Pension Fund of the Church, which we pay in to the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Alliance of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System

FORMERLY THE PAN PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE

MRS. C. S. MCDONALD

THE Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System met in the First Presbyterian Church, Boston, Mass., from June 19th to 26th. Meetings are held every four years, either in Europe or North America. The meeting in 1933 will be held in Belfast, Ireland.

From two to three hundred delegates were present representing the 4,500,000 Presbyterians of the world. Two or three sessions were held daily, these were taken up with discussions of welfare and business matters, reports and addresses. The stay of the delegates was made pleasant by the kindly hospitality shown them in the form of a reception, a long drive in the city and suburbs, and the many luncheons provided, which gave opportunity for closer fellowship.

For the first time in the history of the Council, women were given a place on the programme as speakers. Mrs. W. L. McKerrow, of Glasgow, active in the European section, speaking on Church Women and the Opportunity of To-day, said that the door is now wide open to women, and urged the need of leading women to see the value of the gift of God.

Mrs. F. Bennett, of New Jersey, vice-chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, spoke on Women's Work in the Church. Beginning at Old Testament times Miss Bennett very interestingly traced the gradual development of women's work up to modern times. In early days women were required to keep silent in the Church. Early settlers in the United States were persecuted for their religion, among them were many women. Even in the eighteenth century they had little place, later, a separate service was developed for them. By 1800, women's organizations began to be formed all down the coast, membership fee was one cent. These early Societies had to wait for a clergyman to come and close with prayer. Early in the nineteenth century there were few schools for girls, many learned through remaining on the porches of the boys' schools. Following the civil war a change took place and women's place grew stronger and their work has proved a great stimulus to the churches. Now gifts of women for benevolent and missionary purposes amount to seven million dollars. The women of to-day are asking that they be given an opportunity to give the best that is in them to the work of the Church.

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION

The ninth Conference of the International Union of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches was held in the Scotch Presbyterian Church on the afternoon of June 24th and 25th.

Mrs. DeWitt Knox read passages from the New Testament relating to women who were faithful followers. In closing Mrs. Knox said, ''When Jesus went away He left His work in the hands of His disciples. We are His twentieth century disciples. Are we faithful stewards of our life, time, money and children?''

Kindly messages and outlines of methods of working were given by representatives of The Presbyterian Church of England, The Church of Scotland, The United Free Church of Scotland, and The Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

Mrs. Gillies, representing The Presbyterian Church of England, in bringing greetings, said that it was the aim of the W.M.S. to strive to deepen the knowledge of God's love for the world.

Mrs. Cox, of Aberdeen, who represented the Church of Scotland and Jewish work, said that interest in home and foreign missions had led churches to neglect the Jews. We must obey Christ's command. Some say it is a waste of time and money to try to Christianize the Jew, others that results are meagre. Statistics prove there are more conversions among Jews than Moslems and Hindus. When Jews are converted they become the best witnesses for Christ. Today there is a great apathy among young Jews toward their own religion. What will take its place? Our answer should be—Christianity!

Mrs. J. Y. Simpson, of Edinburgh, representing the United Free Church of Scotland, and Jewish work, told of the impetus given to mission work when in 1925 the Women's Foreign Mission amalgamated with the men's committee. They are looking to still greater results to the amalgamation of the United Free Church and the Church of Scotland in October.

Mrs. Paul, of Belfast, speaking for the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, told of the work of the Society in the foreign field. From earliest days they have carried on educational work, believing that religion was a necessary part of education. She also told of the work of the G. A.'s (an organization somewhat similar to our C.G.I.T.) which has revolutionized work among women. It has a membership of 7,000, managed by an executive of girls. The aim is to unite the girls in prayer and service. Since its formation 23 have gone to the foreign field, 8 as representatives of the G.A.'s. They have raised £23,000. The organization has only one paid official.

Dr. Laws, who has spent fifty-two years in Livingstonia, Africa, spoke on African Womanhood. He said that those who advanced the opinion that heathen should be left alone were ignorant and un-Christian. Christ was able to save heathen as well as those in heathen lands. He gave a very clear picture of the life of the women. They work hard. Polygamy is common. A man's influence depends on the number of his wives. Secondary wives are slaves. There is much quarrelling and happy home life is unknown in heathen lands. Dr. Laws had first to reduce the language to writing, then he translated the Scriptures. At first progress was very slow. The first station that formed the beginning has grown to a church with 19,730 members.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Bessie MacMurchy, of Toronto, presented greetings from South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and Wales, in the absence of representatives from these countries.

Miss Hodge, of New York, representing the Women's Committee, Board of Foreign Missions, brought a message from the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. She also referred to the Day of Prayer, and told of having rich interesting letters from Africa, in which she was asked how they in Africa could pray for people they did not know. Miss Hodge also said in her church every missionary has a day in which all remember her in prayer. They have missions in six countries and 1,665 missionaries. Work is carried on by a united board of men and women very successfully.

Mrs. Arewalt of the Reformed Church, U.S.A., said her Church was small but was working along lines similar to that of the others. They have missions in China, Mesopotamia and Japan.

Mrs. H. L. Schmelz, of Virginia, brought greetings from the Southern Church. Their work is unique. It consists largely in holding conferences for colored women. These are now held in thirteen places. To these delegates are sent from different centres. They return to their homes, thrilled with all they have learned at the conferences, which last a week. Each day is filled with a programme such as—morning watch at dawn, devotional service, Bible study, talk on home nursing, demonstration how to make home attractive at low cost, discussion on home, church, school problems, sewing, recreation under play-ground instruction. In the evening an address is given. The women leave with a desire to give to other people at home the help they have received.

Mrs. Strachan, President of the W.M.S. (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, gave a message more especially to the Scotch Church, because fifty years ago the same union took place in Canada as is to take place in Scotland next October. The resulting impetus was inestimable. Mrs. Strachan said it is our prayer that the same impetus may be experienced in the Scotch Church. Continuing, Mrs. Strachan briefly outlined our work as carried on in the national and overseas departments. Mrs. Moore, President of the W.M.S. (E.D.), also gave a brief outline of their home and foreign work.

Mrs. Forbes, of Toronto, presented greetings of the United Church of Canada, after which a very interesting address was given by Miss Edith Dickie, late of Central China Mission, in which she told of China's need of help from the older churches. China has now entered on a period of reconstruction, and it is urgent that Christian lands embrace the opportunity of helping. The process of rebuilding is going ahead rapidly, there is no time to lose. In closing, Miss Dickie said the greatest need in China is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Picturesque Customs of the Far East are Yielding to Pressure of the West

A STRANGER in the city pausing for a moment at the corner of the Main and Lagauchetiere streets, if he happens to glance westward, rubs his eyes and wonders what Arabian Nights' djin has thus transported him instantly into another land. For the narrow, lane-like thoroughfare shows him a glimpse of old China, the gilding, the lattices and the pagoda-like curl of eve and the narrow balconies all bespeak the Orient and the queer characters of the signs suggest sublimated laundry tickets.

If he be a well-read stranger he anticipates the shuffling figures, in flowing blouses and wide trousers with the faint clack of heelless slippers on the sidewalk and reminiscences of tong wars, opium dens and all the other paraphernalia of popular Chinatown stories flash into his mind. But he looks in vain. Montreal's Chinatown is not like that; he might as well hunt for the original ten commandments in the Jewish neighborhood about Laurier avenue. Chinatown in Montreal is faintly Chinese in its architecture and in its store signs, but its inhabitants are as Canadian in their dress, manners, occupations and amusements as any of the descendants of French and British pioneers, who have their homes in the east or west ends of the city.

Chinatown is almost disappointing so Canadian is it. Where one with fiction-filled mind expects a bebloused and sinister figure to emerge knife in hand and vengeance in heart from some likely looking alley, there steps forth a jaunty young man in irreproachable collegiate clothes, reeking not of opium but pulling on a perfectly good Montreal-made cigarette and except for obliquity of eye and certain sallowness of color, looking remarkably like other young men who swarm about the Main and St. Catherine Streets and other places where young men are wont to swarm.

At one time Lagauchetiere street eastward and westward from St. Lawrence and adjacent streets held about 5,000 Chinese inhabitants.

Every Chinaman who came to Montreal gravitated to the neighborhood where he needed neither French or English, where he could find the food he was used to and, in those days, the pipe of forgetfulness. But to-day, the neighborhood houses a Chinese population of less than a thousand souls most of them engaged in the wholesale business of importing food and supplies for the thousands of Chinese who, forsaking the quarter have taken up their homes and business occupations in other neighborhoods principally as the familiar laundryman or as restaurant keepers.

A Typical Chinese-Canadian Citizen

Perhaps no more typical Canadian of Chinese blood could be found than George Wong who owns a wholesale importing house on Clarke street south of Chinatown's main artery,—Lagauchetiere; nor is his Anglicised first name anything more than a concession to Occidental tongues. He maintains an interest in the land of his ancestors, to be sure, to such an extent that he heads those of his race in Montreal who favor the Nationalist Party in China,—just as many an Irishman in days gone by contributed money and sympathy to the Home Rule cause and was none the less a good Canadian for that reason. But in dress, keenness, easy and genial manner Mr. Wong might be any prosperous city merchant whose sense of humour has not atrophied.

Miss Reid's Primary School Children at Play

"There may be some opium smoking still going on among the older generation," he said with a smile, "but I assure you we younger men born in this country would no more think of using it than we would insist on our women folk binding up their feet or pining for an exclusive diet of birds' nests.

''The younger Chinese are athletic,—basketball and hockey are their favorite games. They are more temperate than their non-Chinese contemporaries; drunkenness is practically unknown among us, that is one feature of western civilization which we have not acquired.

''Our children go to school and most of them emerge tri-lingual. Our homes, in most respects are like any other homes in the city and while we still favor rice as a good and wholesome food and confine our meat tastes to chicken, beef and pork, largely, we can and do appreciate the best in Occidental diet.''

Tong Idea Mostly Mythical

Questioned rather diffidently concerning tongs, Mr. Wong seemed to apppreciate his interviewer's reluctance and laughed heartily, ''No, our tongs are not associations whose chief occupation and amusement in life is assassination. They are philanthropical and charitable organizations whose membership is based on the clan idea, made so familiar to all of us by Scottish history. South of the border, the idea may have been and, perhaps, still is prostituted to less worthy purposes, but in Canada there is very little difference between a tong and the ordinary lodge except that in the former membership is determined by blood and ancestry.''

In the happy retention of the old and the new in Canada, Chinese religion seems to have suffered. Confucianism, which is not a religion but a system of philosophy, still has its many adherents because that wise man's axioms cover human relations without regard to race, creed or geographical situation. But ancestor-worship, and Buddhism have given place to the cross, and most of the little Chinamen born in Montreal are reared in either one of the great branches of Christianity, principally the Protestant religion through the schools they attend.

But on the corner of Lagauchetiere street and St. Urbain there is a school and a hospital, built by Chinese subscriptions, conducted by a missionary order of Catholic sisters and one glance at the play-yard shows that the Chinese small boy is just a Canadian small boy wrapped-up in a different colored package. The spring is bringing there as in countless thousands of school-yards on the continent, the marbles and the tops to the boys and the skipping ropes to the girls. There is the same sturdy give-and-take spirit with the pushing, name-calling and chumminess that marks the inter-relations of boys throughout the world. The smaller youngsters are the cutest and quaintest little things ever seen outside of a toy shop but in their games and amusements they are as Canadian as their confrères in the public and separate schools, just as rough, just as noisy and just as lovable.

PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL IN Y.M.C.A. BUILDING

Somewhat smaller but equally attractive are the pupils of the primary school and kindergarten conducted by Miss E. C. Reid under the auspices of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. building. Miss Reid was for fourteen years a missionary in China and speaks and reads the language perfectly. Her assistant is Miss H. Jue. In the morning the classes are conducted in English and in Chinese in the afternoon.

Miss Reid explained, that there is naturally enough among the Chinese, a desire that their Canadian born youngsters should know something of the language of their forefathers. The Rev. K. Tang who conducts the United Church Chinese mission on Dorchester street at the corner of Chenneville has classes in the evening for older students who desire to study the language of China.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. while a little different from that organization as usually understood is nevertheless a branch of the organization and offers all its advantages to the younger Chinese Christians in the city.

Once in a while there passes along Clarke, or some other side street a survival of an older time; some ancient Chinaman in native costume with the blank, expressionless face of a modelled Buddha and even the covert grins of the younger generation disturb not in the least his very evident equanimity. He recalls George Wong's parting statement, ''I notice in the States an effort is being made to reform masculine costume. Let me give them a tip; adopt native Chinese dress especially for the summer months. There is nothing that man has ever put on cooler or more comfortable.''—*The Montreal Herald.*

A Welcome Visitor from Fort McMurray

MISS Olive Ross, our pioneer nurse at Fort McMurray, was a most welcome visitor on her return from the Council and General Assembly meetings in Ottawa. In speaking of her work at the northern outpost, she related two incidents regarding pneumonia patients. One is about a man who was a patient in the hospital just before Miss Ross left for the east. He was brought in on a ''speeder'' from Draper and remained as a patient for a week which won for him the distinction of being the first man to be cared for in our hospital for a longer period than a day. To quote Miss Ross, ''He is the best advertisement the hospital could have, because he has in so many ways expressed his appreciation of the kindness shown him.''

The other story is about two little girls. One lived on the Prairie, two miles from Fort McMurray, and was so very ill that her parents would come with the sleigh for Miss Ross at any time day or night. The little girl grew so fond of the visits that the sleigh would often come for our nurse, not because the patient was any worse, but because she wanted to see Miss Ross. On one of these visits, Miss Ross could not see that any recovery was being made, so suggested that the little girl be taken in to the hospital. Each visit thereafter brought forth the question, "Are you going to take me to the hospital to-day?" Suddenly the weather turned cold and Miss Ross was sorry she had told the little girl she would take her for fear she might make herself worse by worrying over it. However, one beautiful Saturday afternoon Miss Ross walked the two miles to the child's home, from where she was driven back, the little girl accompanying her.

That same evening a message came that a little girl was being brought in from Waterways and a bed was made ready for her too. Thus occurred the rare event of having two little girls in the hospital at the same time, but they were splendid company for each other and Miss Ross was able to make them happy at Easter time by giving them handkerchiefs and cards sent by a kind friend in Toronto. It seemed as though that friend must have known the little girls were there because the cards were specially marked, "For little children in the hospital at Easter time."

Our Field Secretary Gives Many Addresses

JANUARY—APRIL REPORT

MISS P. B. LAMONT

THE outstanding event of the early months of 1929, from your Field Secretary's standpoint, was the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, held in Detroit, January 14th to 18th. Here as from a mountain top, one caught a vision of the pagan countries of the world and their need of the gospel, the undertaking of different denominations to meet that need and the unique contribution Christianity has made to the life of womanhood. The personal message of Big Souls who have undertaken and accomplished big tasks, stirred one to the very depths.

Work began in Toronto Presbyterial, of which a partial tour was made. A programme of intensive work was carried out in the Newmarket section, where for three consecutive weeks the same territory was covered. It was planned to hold a meeting each week in five places, but local conditions caused some changes to be made. Three meetings were held at Newmarket, four at Aurora, and two each at Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Willowdale. Sutton, King and Strange were each visited once. In going to Strange, a rural Society, we rode part way, encountering ruts, ice and mud. Finally the car was abandoned and we finished the trip on foot. In spite of travelling difficulties twenty-seven women were present at the meeting.

One of the most interesting meetings was that of a Mission Band at Richmond Hill where, on the stormiest day of the whole winter, twelve of the fourteen members were present. The president, a boy of eleven, presided in a splendid way, the only prompting he received from the Superintendent being to sign the minutes after they were approved. With the exception of the address by the Field Secretary, the whole programme was given by children under eleven years of age. All over eleven are in a senior Mission Band.

The Newmarket Auxiliary are putting into operation with splendid results, the circle plan outlined in ''The Glad Tidings'' of November, 1925. Each circle meets separately and provides its own programme, thus giving experience to many. Under the old system twenty-five was considered a good attendance, while the circles reach over fifty a month. One Auxiliary reported that ''The Glad Tidings'' went into every home, and only two women of the congregation were not connected with our W.M.S.

A Mission Band at Aurora, which had disbanded, was re-organized under new leadership.

With Toronto as centre, many other rural sections were visited as well as city branches. At Agincourt a senior Mission Band graduated into a Y.W.A. At Milton three meetings were addressed, two being with the young people. A Y.W.A. rally at St. John's Church and a C.G.I.T. meeting at St. Paul's filled one's heart with gladness. On two occasions meetings were cancelled on account of storm. Thirty-eight meetings in the Presbyterial were addressed.

The last two weeks of March were spent in the Barrie Presbyterial. Only a partial tour was made because of lack of time and condition of roads which in many places were impassable. ''But why be daunted by such an obstacle?'' So said a man and two young women who walked six miles to the Sunday morning service at Gravenhurst, remained for Sunday School in the afternoon and walked back. Here we have a Minority Group meeting in the Anglican Parish Hall, with a newly-organized W.M.S. and a Mission Band. In the audience on Sunday one was pleased to see a number of fine young folk. In the places visited there was evidence of splendid organization and fine work among the young people. An enthusiastic meeting arranged by the Y.W.A. of Orillia had an attendance of sixty. The C.G.I.T. of Barrie publish a paper which they sell for five cents a copy. It contains news of all church organizations. Midland also has a fine C.G.I.T. and Y.W.A.

The first three weeks of April were spent in Kingston Presbyterial. From Belleville and Kingston as centres the whole Presbyterial was visited except Burnbrae, to which roads were impassable, and Amherst Island, to which there was no boat service. It was not possible to carry out an intensive programme throughout the whole Presbyterial, but at Belleville, Trenton, Stirling and Kingston at least two meetings were held. In Belleville and Kingston there is splendid co-operation between the W.M.S. and young folk. Trenton has a fine C.G.I.T. which will affiliate with our Society when they re-open in the fall. At Fuller, a rural congregation, there is a Mission Band which is attended by young and old. Meetings are held in the evening and the young men go too. Roslin and Fuller have similar organizations, but their offerings go to the budget.

As far as it was possible I have tried to present our whole Church task and the relation of our W.M.S. to it; the Church's challenge to our young people, and the need of planning our meetings to interest the uninterested.

Besides these Presbyterial tours, I addressed the annual meetings of Lindsay and Toronto Presbyterials, attended the Ontario Provincial meeting at Hamilton and numerous executive and committee meetings; 74 addresses were given, 11 of them being at Sunday services and 11 to young people's organizations, and a number at Easter Thank-offering meetings.

Impressions by the way: In the most enthusiastic Societies officers are changed regularly; Ruts impede progress, ''She has always done it'' is one to avoid; Programmes to interest the uninterested call for variety in plan and people; ''Thy word have I hid in my heart'' is a good stimulant.

JOTTINGS FROM PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS

''Although our W.M.S. helped the Budget, our W.M.S. gifts exceeded those of former years.''

''As Presbyterian women we stand behind our Church first, last and all the time.''

The story was told of a lady who was asked to speak and to ''make her remarks suggestive rather than exhaustive!''

''Fifty-two new organizations and an increase of 1,000 members is Ontario's record. This year their aim is an increase of two new members in each Auxiliary. Other suggestions are: A campaign for new members and holding of sectional meetings.''

OUR LETTER BOX

Kindergarten Work in Vancouver

''Miss Dickman and I work week about with the children in the kindergarten. She takes the older children one week, and I the younger ones for games, singing and stories, thus they get almost as much Chinese as English. We call the very young children Division 1, and the older children Division 2. The younger children do not know enough English to understand a story so the week that I have them, instead of a story I teach colors with blocks or balls, and guide them in sand-table work, and give them many object lessons, sometimes in games, sometimes in repeating rhymes, etc. At the seat work we give them different things to do each day. We have 14 children in Division 2, 5 are ready for public school. We have one little girl two years old, and I wish you could see her sing ''Father, we thank Thee.'' This month our attendance is lower than it should be because of illness. We have two away with measles, and three with colds.'' —*Miss Sibyl M. Crawford.*

An Encouraging Experience

Vegreville, Alta.

''I must tell you of my experience the other night. It certainly was a revelation to me and I have been so happy and encouraged ever since. I went upstairs about 8.30 p.m. to put away some bedding and while in the linen closet, which is off the small boys' dormitory, this is what I heard.

One of the oldest of the small boys, Louis Saulon, said, 'Now all kneel down, fold your hands and close your eyes', then he prayed for the children in India, for Dr. John Buchanan and his missionaries, for children in the hospitals who were crippled and could not run and play as they could, for the staff who were so good to them, and prayed that they might be better boys and obey. He prayed for their parents that they might learn about Jesus and love Him. Really, it was a wonderful prayer and coming from the little children, it made me feel that the work is worth while, especially among the little ones whose lives we can mould. Louis Saulon is French Canadian. It was his little sister who had scarlet fever and wanted her Bible, hymn book and catechism so she would not get behind while shut in.

The children were surprised to find me standing there when they finished. I said, 'Louis, that was a lovely prayer.' Wee Barry chirped up, 'We like Louis to pray, cause he thinks of lots of nice things to pray for, that we can't think of'.

At the end of his prayer Louis said, 'Now, fellows, we will all say the Lord's Prayer,' and each little chap repeated 'Our Father Which Art in Heaven'.

Miss McKee and I were at Ranfurly and enjoyed the meeting. It was most helpful and instructive. I spoke of the work in the Homes and the women seemed to enjoy hearing of our work here. Miss Pelton is so splendid. She came up to Vegreville that evening and we collected a few ladies and all the pupils at the school house. We put on an impromptu concert, and then Miss Pelton spoke to us. We just hope she may come again before too long.''

—*Miss Jean Johnston.*

Kindergarten Graduation

Taihoku, Formosa

''I am quite in love with the Formosans, especially the women and children, but most of all with the children. Lately I have been helping Miss Gauld with her children's service on Sunday mornings at Soren Church, and have found it delightful. I also have made quite a few

Shinchiku Kindergarten Graduation.
The two teachers are standing on Miss Adams' left (back row).
Most of the grown-up people are parents.

visits to the kindergartens and find it so interesting to watch the children. At the first of April all the kindergartens had their graduation exercises when some of the children pass on to the public schools, and being on the Kindergarten Committee it was my privilege to attend all these. In a sense there was a certain sameness about each one, but then again each had its own individuality. The parents of the children were invited to attend, and some of them came. Most of the time was spent in playing the games and singing the songs the children had learned through the year. Those who graduated were presented with diplomas, and if you could have seen the solemnity of this occasion for these fortunate ones! One would imagine it was a university degree they were receiving. We are hoping that, in time, this may become a less formal occasion. An exhibit was held of the work done by the kindergarten children and it was well worth admiration.''

—Miss Margaret Ramsay.

Came to Canada to Celebrate Golden Wedding

Winnipeg, Man.

''More names of new settlers were sent to us in Winnipeg during May, than in any previous month, the total being 1083. Of these, there were about 300 Continentals, members of Dutch Reformed, Lutheran and Greek Orthodox. These people have their own Churches and pastors, and are quite carefully looked after.

I should like to mention the case of a Mr. and Mrs. George Grant, good Scotch Presbyterians, who were coming to celebrate their golden wedding with some of their family in this country. Their son's family are members of our St. James Church, so we had an enjoyable little visit together, when they related some of their pleasant experiences en route. While on the high seas, the purpose of their trip became known, and an impromptu committee on board the *Melita* planned a celebration in their honor. A happy time was spent with the wedding march, wedding cake and showers of rice, after which the popular couple were the recipients of a handsome little gold clock.''

—Mrs. Jean Howey.

Our Chinese Auxiliary in Victoria

''At our April meeting, held at Mrs. Leung's home, 27 were present—13 regular attendants, 4 adult visitors and 10 children. Our beloved Presbyterial President, Mrs. Cotsford, was one of our visitors. Of the 13 regular attendants, 12 are baptized Christians. Two regular attendants were absent owing to sickness, that would make 14 baptized Christian women, in full communion, who attend our W.M.S. meetings, and all of these take some part in the devotional exercises.

In our W.M.S. meetings this year we have taken up several topics for Bible study. They each bring their Chinese Bible and read the passages for me as I call on them. A few of our women are quite capable of explaining easy passages of Scripture and are a great help in our meetings. At our last meeting, our subject was ''Love thy neighbor as thyself.'' This has been suggested by Mrs. Leung some time ago, so she had been appointed to speak on this topic. She came to me for assistance in finding references and was well prepared on our meeting day to speak intelligently to our women. They showed great interest. This year we have already studied 'Prayer' and 'Christian Giving.'

I have on my list 41 Chinese homes where I visit. These families are all connected with the Mission in some way. I do wish I might say that all these families were Christians, but I can say that all come within the reach of the gospel message through our kindergarten and afternoon classes, Sunday School, English and Chinese night classes. Of course Mr. Leung, our missionary, visits many more homes than I do.

We are having a good attendance at our classes, kindergarten and afternoon. Also our night class has six boys enrolled now.''

—*Mrs. E. Macqueen.*

Jhansi School Now Government Recognized

Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, India.

''Miss Simpson and I are in Landour. Jhansi was rather hot before we left, so the cool breezes here are most refreshing. The trip up was quite an old story to me, being my third, but to Miss Simpson all was new. I hardly think she can be said to have enjoyed being carried up in a dandy. It isn't pleasant at all the first time. Last year I said if I came to Landour again, I'd come up the hill on a pony. But again I took a dandy. I always feel so sorry for the poor horse, for the boy, who goes along to return the horse, hangs on to its tail all the way up the hill. The horse is so patient that perhaps he doesn't mind it as much as I think. The dandy coolies do their best to arouse our sympathies, possibly in the hope of a bigger tip. My coolies this year did a great deal of groaning, grunting and puffing. I had five instead of the four of previous years, and I'm sure I haven't gained in weight.

We arrived at ''Ellangoan Cottage,'' in Landour, about eight o'clock, tired and dirty! Our trunks had not arrived and we were wondering what to do as we were so hungry and yet too dirty to appear in the dining-room, when Mrs. Toombs, who has the rooms below us, came up and said she had some tomato soup for us. Oh! but it did taste good and was certainly appreciated.

The next morning Miss Simpson started to language school. I am not attending this year as I have gone over all the books and feel I know them. I am, however, studying with a pundit and hope to take the second year examinations on my return to the plains.

When we left Jhansi, things were as usual. School closed the Friday before I came up here. Nine girls remained in the school, the others all went joyfully to their respective homes. The last two weeks of school were busy ones, writing examinations. Very few of the girls failed. Trained teachers do make such a difference. When school opens in July I hope to have two new teachers, one I have already engaged. She is highly recommended by the Inspectress and can teach up to the sixth grade. I think I told you that our school is now Government recognized as an Anglo Vernacular Middle School. This means that our girls can take the Government examination and that the Inspectress must come at least once a year. I have not accepted any grant as that would mean we could not teach all the Bible, and we would also have to keep all Mohammedan and Hindu holidays. As it is, we can take the examinations, but are free to teach what and when we like.''

—*Miss Irene Stringer.*

Busy Days In Our Hospitals

''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital,
Vegreville, Alta.

''We have been very busy here and have no empty beds. We had as many as seven babies last month.

Miss McPherson was operated on for appendicitis on June 10th, in the Royal Alexandria Hospital, Edmonton, as there were no private wards vacant in the ''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital that week, nor would there be any vacant for another week. The doctor said the operation should be performed at once, so Miss McPherson had to go to Edmonton.

We have a little Ukrainian boy with us now. He has been here nearly two months and has had so much pleasure with the scrap books. He has put several away to take home.

Tuesday we lost our little John. It seemed hard to see the little lad hang on hour after hour. We took turns sitting with him as we had all become so fond of him. He was with us four weeks. He made quite a fair recovery from pneumonia and then developed spinal meningitis. He was a darling little foreign boy and had several very attractive habits. His mother had a new baby a few days before John came to us, and then she went insane. She is fairly well again, but she never got in to see John. We dressed him in a little white knitted suit and socks. His father was so grateful for our care of him.''

''Hugh Waddell Memorial Hospital'',
Canora, Sask.

''Though fairly quiet in the hospital we were busy with our hospital day. Friday evening, Miss Mulligan, Miss Reid and I drove out into the country for lilacs and cherry blossoms. On our way home we called in at the home of Mrs. B. When we got there, she told us she had the promise of more flowers for us, from a foreign family some four miles north, so she and I went for them. The place was a picture. The family spoke fairly good English and we had a fine visit with them. They had an organ and insisted that we play it. I sat down and was greatly surprised to find they knew many of our hymns, in fact they had a hymn book. They sang in Russian and we in English and before we knew it, an hour had sped away.

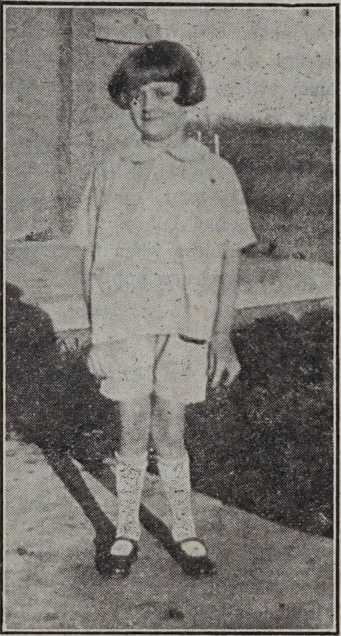
On Saturday we had a fine crowd. Two car loads of people came from quite a distance, one some forty miles north and the other about thirty. In all we had twenty-five for supper. As usual, every one had nothing but praise for our institution. One man was quite pleasantly surprised at its cleanliness.

The Norwegian people here have an annual picnic called the Viking's picnic. They hold it out at Crystal Lake and crowds flock to it. It is really their big day in the year, they bring in speakers and have a band. The President of the society was a patient with us last fall and apparently was very well pleased with care he received. He spoke several times to me when he was here and wanted to do something for the hospital. He thought his people would be glad to help. A few days ago he telephoned me and told me their executive had decided to have the picnic proceeds given to us. He wants me to sit on the platform with the speakers and to say a few words. Mr. Simes, I believe, is delighted, but poor me! my week has been spoiled with the thought of making a speech hanging over me.''

In describing her motor trip out to see Bessie, a former patient in the hospital, Miss Cuddy says: ''We left about two p.m. and such a drive, it was simply gorgeous! Though only twenty-three miles, it seemed more like forty. We just had seven miles out on a highway, and then angled off past Devil's Lake, winding through marsh and brush, on a trail just wide enough for the car. We met several teams, but they all kindly broke through the brush to let us pass. Really we felt as we wound on and on, as if we were driving into a new district, the country was so little broken up. When we arrived at Darchychuk's we found a quaint place. There was the usual mud house and barn, but the grounds were a picture of tidiness. The homes and children were not quite as clean. The new baby, I am sorry to say, had died a few weeks after its birth, but Bessie looks wonderful, quite thin, but bright and well. She came running out to meet us. The first thing she said to me was, 'I'm going to school, Miss Cuddy.' Can you believe it! she walks two and a half miles to school each morning and home again at night. She seemed so delighted to be going to school. She was not a bit shy with us and talked on and on in her usual way.

I took them out some children's magazines and Sunday School papers I had. Bessie's legs are still quite twisted but how she can run! Her mother was baking bread in the open oven so we spent an interesting few minutes watching her.''

—*Miss Mary W. Cuddy.*



Bessie Darchychuk, the pet of Canora Hospital.

New ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' School Nearly Completed

Kenora, Sask.

''We have been very busy trying to establish ourselves in our new home. The brick work will not be completed for at least one month. I have the potatoes and oats planted and am preparing some land for vegetables and roots. There are about twenty acres to stump and break, which I hope to have finished this spring. I am leaving with Capt. Edwards and Canon Sanderson on a four-day trip to the Reserves. I hope to get acquainted with the Indians on their Reserves and do some recruiting. I like the location of the School. It is a very beautiful site. It will require a lot of work to straighten up after the builders are through but we hope to get cleared away before the cold weather sets in.''

From a later letter we quote:

"The brick work will be completed in about ten days. The barn will take about two weeks then will be cleaning up period. I have ordered, through the Department, 500 chicks and I am also asking them to purchase some cattle. I have visited nearly all the Reserves and have met a great many of the Indians. Most of the Indians on the islands are pagans and are very superstitious. I made use of every opportunity of finding out their beliefs and customs and I was able, through an interpreter, to receive many expressions of their opinion towards the white man and the School. I feel I have learned something which will help me in dealing with the children when they return to school. I received quite a number of promises of new pupils."

—*E. W. Byers.*

Climbing the Mountains to Pray

Kobe, Japan.

"Both the *Glad Tidings* and the *Record* have arrived, and my! how I do welcome them, for I love to hear how our beloved Church is progressing all over the world.

Every two weeks the two Bible women and Pastor Pak come up from Osaka and they with Mr. Young, his assistant, my teacher, and I, have prayer meeting especially for the workers and the Korean people. We decided to have our last prayer meeting up on the mountain, so about 10 a.m. we started off, taking our lunch with us. We went part way up on the cable car, and then walked and walked, climbing innumerable steps till at last we arrived at the large Buddhist shrine. Many Japanese people were going up to pay their respects to Buddha. The shrine is in the midst of a lovely forest of the most beautiful trees I've seen since I left Canada. But this was not the end of our journey. We had another hour's walk before we found a suitable spot to eat our lunch. After lunch we resumed our tramp and an hour later came to a lovely place and there we held our prayer meeting. It just seemed as if one must get very close to God up there at the top of the mountain where everything was peaceful and quiet.

After a period of prayer we commenced the return journey coming down a different mountain. It was really more difficult coming down than going up. We had apparently travelled in a semi-circle and I could hardly believe we had walked nearly fifteen miles.

During the day I became better acquainted with the Bible women and I think they are just splendid. They talk very little English so our conversation was, of necessity, limited."

—*Miss Jean C. MacLean.*

Primary School Closing Exercises

Montreal, Que.

''The closing exercises of the primary school for little Chinese children were held on Saturday afternoon, June 29th, in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Building, Dorchester St., West. Rev. G. C. Taylor, of Maisonnueve Presbyterian Church, acted as chairman and a very interesting programme consisting of recitations, songs, and hymns, both in Chinese and English, was given by the little pupils. Addresses were given by Rev. K. Y. Tang, of the Chinese United Church, Rev. Yung Park, of the Chinese Congregational Church in Hong Kong, and Rev. Mr. Allan, of St. Cuthbert's Presbyterian Church. Mrs. A. W. Lamb, President of the Montreal Presbyterial W.M.S., presented the prizes, after which refreshments were served. A large number of Chinese were present, as well as many other friends of the School, which is under the auspices of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society.''

—*Miss Ethel C. Reid.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for July-August

Hymn—''Faith of Our Fathers.'' *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings*, p. 267). *Scripture reading* (see suggestions). *Hymn*—''Lord While for All Mankind We Pray.'' *Minutes. Roll Coll. Offering. Solo. Study Topic. Hymn*—''We Have Heard a Joyful Sound.''

SUGGESTIONS: For the Scripture lesson take the topic: Missionary Farming. Ask eight members to read the verses under the different headings. The leader should announce each topic. *The Land*—Matt. 13:38; Joshua 13:1. *Place of Sowing*—Jer. 4:3; Eccl. 11:1; Isa. 32:20. *Time of Sowing*—Eccl. 11:6. *The Seed*—Luke 8:11. *The Growth*—Mark 4:26-28; Matt. 13:4; Matt. 23:5, 6; Matt. 13:7, 8. *Time of Harvest*—Gal. 6:9; John 4:35. *Need of Laborers*—Matt. 9:37, 38. *The Harvest Home*—Ps. 126:6; John 4:36; Isa. 55:12, 13.

For the study period, we would suggest taking a bird's eye view of our W.M.S. and the work undertaken by it. Begin with the extent of the Society, number of workers it supports, its organization and the amount of money raised in 1927. Tell of its national mission work: Hospitals, School Homes, Indian Residential Schools, Chinese in Canada, Welcome and Welfare Work. Touch on our Overseas Work in: British Guiana, Formosa, India, Japan (Korean work), Manchurian China, South China. Mention the Candidate Department, Publications, Supplies, Lantern Slides and

Library. (See May and June *Glad Tidings*). Conclude with a summary as follows: 1,604 branches, comprised of 745 Auxiliaries, 147 Y.W. Auxiliaries, 209 Teen-Age Groups, 468 Mission Bands; total membership, 45,774; total contributions, $174,967.01.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

The Canadian Girl in Training Movement

EDITH A. SINCLAIR

Based on a changeless ideal, the Canadian Girl in Training programme has developed and changed greatly in the point of emphasis, but not in direction, during the past twelve years of its growth and will continue to evolve as the years ring in new ideas and conditions of living, thereby creating different needs. It therefore behooves every one interested in the girls within the church to be cognisant of these developments and ever-ready to convert preconceived ideas and methods into up-to-date knowledge and sympathetic understanding.

The aim of the movement should be the aim and ruling motive of every Sabbath School Teacher and in truth, every Christian, namely: to lead the girls of the Sabbath School Class to know Jesus Christ and to present Him and His Kingdom-message so enthusiastically to them that their one purpose will be to go into the home, the school, and the community to live with others as He lived. Hence the teacher or the leader must primarily have a passion for winning souls—''For me to live is Christ''—and should have a rich experience in living. The Christ must be a reality in the life before others can realize Him through the only agencies provided—His friends and followers.

With a right conception of the purpose of the movement, the programme becomes one of worship and purposeful activity. To be of service in bringing about God's Kingdom, the girls want to know the principles of the Kingdom as enunciated by Jesus Christ, and how these may be applied to their every day living. This means Bible study, investigation into the method in which others have found ''The Way,'' and discussion. ''To be a recognized C.G.I.T. group there must be a devotional period at most of the meetings.''

Jesus said, however, ''Be ye doers, and not hearers only.'' Girls love to do, and the leader must guide them in choosing worth-while activities which will give them practice in applying Christian principles. World problems should challenge the thinking girl of to-day, and provide ample material for programme building.

First comes Disease—a world menace with its incapacitating influence, urging the girl to discover: Health rules and how to apply them; methods used to promote health in communities; and to investigate the work of the League of Nations in this respect.

Secondly crime and lawlessness in our days should impel them to seek the underlying causes—some of which they will find to be: lack of Christian teaching in the home, undirected leisure, misdirected energy, low literature, and movies—and to plan how to apply correctives.

Or, the crusade for peace should direct their thoughts to the causes of war, and lead them into a study of other races and on into missionary study and the consequent projects.

Social problems, such as intemperance and social activities most urgently call forth attention, and arouse interest. Well directed leisure time activities, Christian companionship and scientific investigation into some of these problems will be most timely.

Again in this materialistic age an opportune subject is Vocations. To arouse the girl to realize that her life, body, and talents are trusts from God to be used in His service, is a leader's wonderful privilege.

But underneath all the purposing and the planning there must ever run the theme ''And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men to me,'' with all their problems, their difficulties, their distresses. Then, and then only, will the programme justify our endeavor, and our whole-hearted support.

Affiliated Groups.—Quebec: ''Loyal Workers,'' Ormstown.

MISSION BANDS

What Some of Our Mission Bands Have Done

MRS. J. W. DILL

A FEW facts regarding our Bands gleaned from the Provincial reports will surely be of interest to our W.M.S. as a whole. The Chinese Bands of Victoria and Vancouver have had a year of progress along all lines. The Vancouver Band received gifts from the ever active Bands of Creston. The Penticton Band, 17 girls and 8 boys, have taken for their motto ''I'm Third,'' placing God first, and others second. A good motto for us all as missionary workers. The ''Marion Oliver'' Band of Cranbrook sent Christmas gifts to the Band at Mistawasis. Other Bands sent literature to Gonor Mission and to British Guiana.

The ''Helen Miller'' Band of Calgary, 41 members, entertained the mothers, and Grace Church in the same city entertained the Band and made their leader a Life Member. The ''David Livingstone'' Band at Vegreville reported 5 Junior Memberships. The ''Wilkie'' Band is reported as the banner Band of Alberta, having sent $70 for missions as well as making good in supplies, etc. Rallies, concerts and pageants kept the boys and girls happy and interested in our work.

The Secretary for Saskatchewan regrets the loss of three Bands, but the membership and givings exceed last year. The Mistawasis Band has 25 enrolled members. We are one with the Secretary in hoping for an increase next year.

The Secretary for Manitoba writes that, despite the epidemic of infantile paralysis which prevented the Bands meeting until late in the fall, all carried on the work with loving devotion, showing in every Band the true missionary spirit. The ''Good Will'' Mission Band of Gonor, 24 members, who have been members from its organization, have so grown up that they have been promoted into the Auxiliary and these trained Mission Band workers are a welcome addition. The ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Band has made candy, baked beans and sold all to the men chopping wood near by. They study about our work and are learning the joy of serving others. A Band of 88 members is reported and the third highest in givings, sending in to our treasury, $150.

Our Secretary for Quebec, who, we greatly regret, retires this year, writes, ''What is more worth while work than the winning of the boys and girls from a life of selfishness and pleasure to one of unselfishness and service? God intends this work to go on and our young people will be His ambassadors in the days to come.'' Miss Campbell pays a warm tribute to leaders who give unstintedly of their time, and practice great self-denial to meet the needs of their Bands, and sounds a note of warning in these words, ''If we make missions attractive to our boys and girls we need not fear for the future of our beloved Church.''

The activities of the Ontario Bands are too numerous to mention, as it is our largest field of work. When we read that a Band of thirty-eight gave an In Memoriam, that one member brought eight and another nine new members last year to their Bands, that two girls did not miss a Band meeting for two years, more wonderful still, that two girls never missed Sunday School or Band meeting for seven years, and during that time each made herself a Life Member, we breathe the prayer, ''God keep us faithful to the children Christ has set in our midst.''

A few facts for our encouragement—We did not reach our objective, but rejoice in 18 of an increase in Bands and $1143.85 in givings. Our Home Helpers averaged $1.40 per member and the children sent in supplies valued at $2,591.95, an increase of $598.52 over last year. With humble, grateful hearts we believe ''the best is yet to come.''

Prayer

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion which cannot be moved but abideth forever."

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that amid all the many changes of our human life, Thou art unchanging, the same yesterday, to-day and forevermore. Help us to abide in Thy presence at all times remembering that as the mountains are round about Jerusalem so Thou art around about Thy children. When we are weak and lack courage for the task to which we are called, may we rest in Thee and be strong in Thy strength. We would thank Thee for the beauty of the world at this season remembering it is all the work of Thy hand. We thank Thee that Thou dost call us to periods of rest and refreshment of body, and we pray that as we listen to the message of Thy Son, "Come ye apart and rest awhile" we may also hear another message "My meat is to do the will of my Father and to finish His work." Lead us into a deeper spirit of communion with Thee. May we come to know Thee more fully, Whom to know is life eternal. We praise Thee for the privilege of service and as Thou hast blessed our small efforts during past years we ask for Thy continued guidance, that in the years to come we may be led out into still greater things in Thy name. We would pray especially for our out-going missionaries, for the work to which they have been called, for their safeguard on their long journey and for the dear ones left behind. Wilt Thou give us a new vision of the oneness of the work of Thy kingdom, calling those who remain at home to the same life of consecration as those who cross the seas in Thy service. May we be more worthy of the friendship of our Lord and Saviour. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Be useful where thou livest, that they may
Both want and wish thy pleasing presence still.
Kindness, good parts, great places are the way
To compass this. Finde out men's wants and will,
And meet them there. All worldly joys go lesse
To the one joy of doing kindnesse.

—*George Herbert.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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Annual Meeting

THE fifteenth annual meeting of the Alberta Provincial was held in First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, on April 10th and 11th. The President, Mrs. F. W. Allott, of Calgary, presided. An unusually large number of delegates were present. The reports of all the Secretaries were extremely interesting and inspiring. An increase in membership and contributions was reported by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. MacMicking. Three new Auxiliaries are reported this year. There are now 30 Auxiliaries with a total membership of 592. The Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. Groups and Home Helpers bring the number of affiliated organizations to 86, with a total membership of 1,492.

Mrs. G. Peattie, the Treasurer, reported that the committee had decided to accept an increase of $500.00 in the allocation.

Miss Crockett, missionary under appointment to Manchuria, gave two excellent addresses.

With a very impressive service, Rev. D. G. McQueen conducted the installation of officers for the year 1929-30.

Calgary P.S.—Miss Crockett, missionary under appointment to Manchuria, gave an inspiring address at a splendidly attended mass meeting held in Grace Church, Calgary, on April 24th. Miss Crockett spoke of her visits to Chinese homes in Canada and urged the women of the Presbyterian Church to take a more active part in the work of Chinese missions. She also spoke of the wonderful opportunities in Manchuria for the spread of the gospel, telling of the millions of immigrants who are going there from the famine stricken areas of Southern China. Mrs. Gibson, President of Grace Church Auxiliary, conducted the meeting. Miss Black gave the scripture reading and Rev. James McNeil the closing prayer.

Edmonton P.S.—On Mothers' Day, Westmount Mission Band leaders presented two 3rd year seals and one certificate, to three of their members.

First Church, Edmonton, activities: The Wakota Girls Club, at their May meeting, had an interesting treasure hunt into India, conducted by Miss Mona Ross and Miss Margaret Munroe. Professor James Adam was the speaker at the May meeting of the Y.W.M.S. He gave an interesting address on the new responsibilities of women in public affairs to-day. The programme for the May meeting of First Church W.M.S. was in charge of the three Mission Bands connected with the Church. It consisted of recitations, solos, dialogues and a short address. The Auxiliary held its annual tea for the supply work on May 3rd, when $60.00 was realized.

Miss MacPherson, Superintendent of the Vegreville Hospital, who has been a patient in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

The engagement is announced of Miss Johnston, Superintendent of the School Homes at Vegreville, to Rev. A. Robertson, of Vegreville. The marriage will take place early in July.

Mrs. M. A. Webster was presented with a Life Membership certificate by St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Edmonton. Mrs. Davis, a former Secretary, received flowers.

''Goforth'' Mission Band, Strathcona, presented an admirable programme at the June meeting of the Auxiliary.

Rupert Street Mission Band, Edmonton, the banner Band of the province, had a concert recently to make money for its Christmas gifts.

Miss Olive Ross, of Fort McMurray, was an honored visitor at the June meeting of the First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton, and gave a talk on her work. Mrs. J. B. MacLennan gave a fine account of the meetings of the Council. The quarterly contributions from the Home Helpers amounted to $67.73.

Mrs. E. Bray, of Blairgowrie, is one of Alberta's most distinguished Home Helpers. She is sixty-eight years of age and is Superintendent of two Sunday Schools, one of which has recently become self-supporting. There being no W.M.S. Auxiliary at Blairgowrie, Mrs. Bray is a Home Helper of Grace Church, Calgary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—A Mission Band rally held in Central Church, Vancouver, must have gladdened the hearts of those who work in that corner of the vineyard, for so many dear young people were gathered together. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Mrs. Ledingham, Mrs. Herd, Mrs. J. K. McLennan and Miss Simpson, who is a returned missionary from the interior of China. Devotions were led by Miss Agnes Thompson and Miss Sybil Crawford. Out of 22 Bands 17 were represented, 2 of which had 100 per cent. in attendance. Each Band contributed one item to the programme, after which, refreshments were served to the 213 children.

An interesting gathering met in St. Andrew's Hall, New Westminster, when the W.M.S. Auxiliary assisted by the P.Y.P.A., the C.G.I.T. and the ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band entertained in honor of Mrs. Jean Craig, a Presbyterian missionary from India. She gave a most interesting and instructive talk on her work there. Mrs. A. G. MacPherson presented Life Membership certificates in the Society to Mrs. M. S. Rennie and Miss E. Scurrah who have been faithful workers as Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. W. DeBeck was also made the recipient of a brooch as a gift of appreciation.

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of Knox Church, New Westminster met at the home of Mrs. Oswald. A deep sense of spiritual blessing came over the meeting as each member answered the roll call by repeating a verse of a hymn specially dear to herself. Mrs. Fisher of Toronto was a visitor, and spoke of her work as Press Secretary in another field. In the evening, Mrs. Herd addressed a gathering of young people.

Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess, who has been working in the Upper Country was welcomed back to Vancouver for a short visit. She gave the Provincial board meeting a talk on her work there. The field is a wide one and most important.

Two new papers are ready in the exchange department, *viz.*, the ''Value of Missions'' and ''Presbyterian Missions in India.'' These may be had by applying to Mrs. David Smith, 175 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver.

The depository, care of Mrs. Urquhart, will be closed during the months of July and August.

Victoria P.S.—The Presbyterial meeting held in St. Andrew's Church April 26th was well represented by the Auxiliaries. Mrs. Richardson, of Sooke, gave an interesting account of the Provincial annual meeting held in Vancouver. Mrs. W. L. Clay and Mrs. T. Humphries were appointed delegates to the Council at Ottawa.

Knox Church W.M.S. Auxiliary heard an interesting account of the Provincial annual meeting from their delegate Mrs. T. H. Davie.

A Mission Band rally held in St. Andrew's Church was well attended by the Mission Bands of the city. A fine group came from Sooke. The children gave a missionary programme, Mrs. McQueen's Chinese Band contributing a quartette entitled ''Speed Away.'' Rev. H. P. S. Luttrel gave a lantern slide address on India and our work there. The meeting closed with the children's chorus ''Our Mission Band for Ever.''

From Knox Church, Sooke, comes a report of a pleasant and profitable meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Murray. The report of the Provincial meeting was given by their delegate, Mrs. Lundie. Miss Christie, a missionary from Palestine, gave an address from Matt. 25:40 and told of her work in the hospital at Jerusalem, and of her call to Christian service.

The Sooke Mission Band give an enthusiastic account of the rally which they attended at Victoria. Every item of the programme was much enjoyed, and in their own words ''Mrs. Humphries, the Provincial Mission Band Secretary, crowned the afternoon's enjoyment by taking us all to her home and giving us tea before we took our long trip home.''

Westminster P.S.—At the provincial meeting of the W.M.S. held in Central Church, Vancouver, in May, Mrs. J. F. McLean gave an interesting account of her work in the Presbyterials of the interior. She hopes to return to this work in the autumn. Mrs. W. J. White gave a brief résumé of the meeting of the National Conference of Education, to which she had been sent as delegate.

Under the auspices of the C.G.I.T. (Chinese) an interesting exhibition of Chinese art was given at our Vancouver Mission. Four booths were filled with curios of all kinds—bamboo laquer ware, silk, tapestry, wood carved pictures, carved ivory, embroidery and paintings, models in clay and brass. At another table the girls dressed in the colorful costumes of their own country, served a tiny cup of Chinese tea and a morsel of cake. The tea served without cream or sugar, did not please every palate but expressions of appreciation of the exhibition were heard on all sides. A short Chinese-English programme delighted those who had never heard our English hymns sung in Chinese. The girls finished with a dialogue, somewhat droll and unique, depicting fairy story book people at a missionary meeting. A collection was taken for the church building fund.

An enjoyable Mission Band birthday party was held in the parlors of Gordon Church, Edmonds. The Band sang choruses and gave Scripture verses on ''Happy People of the Bible.'' Misses C. Moodie and E. Douglas told of their work in Toronto while studying in the Deaconess Training Home. Mrs. Angus McKenzie, Mission Band Secretary from Vancouver, and Rev. T. Oswald, minister, gave short addresses. St. Aidains Bands with Miss Murray and Miss Dickman were guests.

Central Church Band, Vancouver, entertained the Chinese and Fairview Bands at their May meeting. Rev. Mr. Sutherland spoke to the children.

Victoria P.S.—Mrs. J. F. McLean of Vancouver, W.M.S. deaconess-at-large in British Columbia, has been spending the past two weeks in Victoria Presbyterial, visiting the Auxiliaries. Her story has been most interesting and we feel that the work she is doing among the people of the interior is most important and will be productive of much good. She leaves soon for Duncan, Nanaimo and Sooke.

The last meeting for the summer months of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, was held in the Church on June 17th. Mrs. J. F. McLean addressed the gathering and Mrs. R. C. Donald, of Toronto, Treasurer of the W.M.S., also spoke a few words of encouragement regarding the work done in British Columbia.

MANITOBA

Mrs. W. F. Hogarth, 118 N. John St., Fort William, Ont., Press Sec.

WINNIPEG P.S.—At the May meeting of the Stonewall W.M.S., Miss Pelton gave a very interesting address on the Conference of the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, held in Detroit recently.

Miss Pelton was a welcome visitor at the meeting of Winnipeg Presbyterial Executive in April.

Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Provincial President, spent a day in Fort William and Port Arthur on her way home from the Council meeting in Ottawa.

Superior P.S.—A meeting of Superior Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Fort William, May 10th. The President gave a very interesting report of the Ontario Provincial annual meeting, held in Hamilton in April.

St. Andrew's W.M.S., Fort William, held their regular meeting on May 16th. Mrs. LeCocq gave a very interesting address on ''Our responsibilities to the Young.'' Judge McKay spoke of the success of the new Port Arthur Church and told us that two Sunday Schools have been established in Port Arthur, one at Jumbo Gardens and one at Current River. He also emphasized Bible study.

The C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Church, Fort Frances, pieced the quilt required for the supply bale and the women of the Church quilted it. At the close of a social hour the girls presented their leader, Miss Kennedy, who is leaving for the east, with a gift of flowers. The W.M.S. gave her a Life Membership certificate and pin. All regret very much the loss of this leader.

Superior Presbyterial held their regular meeting on June 18th in First Church, Port Arthur. Mrs. Elliott gave the Scripture lesson on Prayer. Mrs. Delbridge, the President, gave a very interesting report of the Council meeting in Ottawa. The Life Membership Secretary reported one senior and two Junior Memberships.

St. Andrew's W.M.S., Fort William, held its regular meeting June 20th. Miss I. Hunter, of Fort William, who has been one year in the

Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, gave a very interesting talk on the aims of the Home. Mrs. Delbridge, Presbyterial President, gave a report of the Council meeting. The introduction of the envelope system has added greatly to the financial part of the Society.

The ''Margaret Hogarth'' Mission Band, of West Fort William, met June 28th. The children of the Band presented the pageant ''The Brave Adventurers.'' At the close of the meeting the President and Treasurer were presented with Junior Memberships and pins.

Mrs. Horne, of Regina, spoke in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, on Sunday morning, June 30th, and in First Church, Port Arthur, Sunday evening. All who were privileged to hear her received an inspiration.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

BARRIE P.S.—There were 200 delegates present at the annual meeting, held in Knox Church, Midland, May 15th and 16th. The very Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, Moderator, delivered two addresses, and an Honorary Membership was presented to the retiring President, Mrs. J. S. Shortt.

The Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Thornbury-Clarksburg, has lost a valued member by the death of Mrs. H. Abercrombie.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—The 15th annual meeting convened on May 8th in Chesley. A beautiful memorial service was held for the late Honorary President, Mrs. Norman Robertson, a pioneer in the work of the W.M.S. in this district. Mrs. Wm. Ekins, of Hespeler, addressed both the afternoon and evening sessions. Changes in officers are: Honorary President, Mrs. J. Ferguson, Chesley; Treasurer, Mrs. D. C. Hill, Port Elgin; *Glad Tidings* Secretary, Miss H. Smellie, Chesley; Press Secretary, Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Paisley.

Chatham P.S.—The very small group at Duart has presented a Life Membership certificate to one of its members, Miss Flora Gesner, and the Senior Girls of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, have presented Mrs. George Macdonald with an Honorary Membership. The passing of Mrs. Frederick Steinke, a most ardent and loyal Christian and social worker, is deeply regretted.

Guelph P.S.—The ministers and elders of Guelph Presbytery, which was in session at the same time, conducted the devotional exercises at the rally service of Guelph Presbyterial on May 14th, in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus. Rev. G. M. Dunn, of Toronto, and Miss Elise Barlow, of British Guiana, were special speakers.

Lindsay P.S.—All the sessions of the semi-annual Presbyterial meeting on June 20th, were well attended. Addresses were delivered by Miss Ross, of Cannington, Mrs. Ellen Anderson, Provincial Supply Secretary, also by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, formerly Presbyterial President, now second Vice-president of the Provincial Society, to whom was presented an Honorary Membership, a gift from the Presbyterial, as a small token of the esteem in which she is held by all the Auxiliaries.

Peterborough P.S. annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, on the 15th and 16th May. A Life Membership certificate was presented to the President, Mrs. D. Ewart, of Cobourg. Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, of Toronto, and Miss Edith Sinclair, were the chief speakers. A pageant was presented by the Mission Band of Cobourg. New Secretaries are—Supply, Mrs. David Bland, Colborne; Home Helpers, Mrs. J. Eakins, Millbrook.

Sarnia P.S.—There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Presbyterial, in Watford, on May 15th, when the special speakers were Miss Elise Barlow, of British Guiana, and the Rev. B. Simpson Black, of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia.

Stratford P.S.—The annual summer conference at Atwood was largely attended, the speaker being Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Regina. At the sectional meeting in St. Mary's, a survey of the work being done throughout the province was conveyed through the secretarial reports which were again read. New organizations are a Home Helpers department in Listowel and a Y.W.A. in First Church, St. Mary's.

Toronto P.S.—Sectional meetings were held in June at Long Branch, Stouffville, Georgetown, Maple, Willowdale and Ashburn. The President, Mrs. J. A. Hilts, brought to each a comprehensive report of the Council meeting in Ottawa. Special speakers were Rev. Dr. Wm. Rochester, Miss Winifred Ferguson, Miss A. H. Gowans, Miss Agnes Dickson, Mrs. A. B. Rice, Mrs. J. W. Dill and the Rev. M. Zeidman. At Maple, delegates to Knox College Summer School gave excellent reports.

On May 11th, a Mission Band was formed at Glenview Church, Toronto, with about twenty-five members.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, The "Manse", Beauharnois, Press Secretary

A HOME HELPER'S MEETING was held on May 3rd in the Huntingdon School Home. After devotional exercises, Mrs. J. C. Elder of Athelstan gave a very interesting talk, laying emphasis on the training of the children, and interesting them in the mission work of our Church, this being best done by means of the *Glad Tidings,* which contains articles of interest for all members of the family. The School Home children assisted in the musical programme. They also contributed recitations. The new piano, which made possible the musical part of the programme, was much appreciated and enjoyed. A vote of thanks was tendered those who had helped in the programme. The meeting was brought to a close by all singing "Blest be the tie that Binds" and a social hour followed. Those who had not had the opportunity of seeing the School Home were shown through by Mrs. Gouldthorpe. All expressed pleasure and pride in having such a beautiful well-equipped building for the furtherance of the mission work of our Church.

The Quebec Presbyterial held its 15th annual meeting at the Presbyterian Church at Upper Melbourne, on June 5th.

Mrs. D. J. Fraser, the Treasurer, read the financial report, which showed that the Presbyterial had gone over their allocation. The Corresponding Secretary's report showed that good work had been done during the past year. Discussion and conference on the departments of work was carried on by Mrs. Allan Reid, of the Quebec Provincial, giving the members much information and good advice. In her report she quoted an address by Mrs. Buchanan, wife of the ex-Moderator, made at the Council meeting to the effect that she coveted for the women of the Presbyterian Church that they might be the most Christlike women of the world. Mrs. A. Murray, of Milan, gave an excellent report of the Council meeting.

Miss Macarthur, port worker at Quebec City, gave a description of her work at the dock where the boats come in with varied people of many nationalities.

Changes in officers are: President, Mrs. W. G. Waddell, Quebec; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Henry Willis, Quebec; Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Cream, of Quebec; Home Helpers Secretary, Mrs. A. McLean, of Marsboro; Librarian, Mrs. Murchie, of Lennoxville; Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. McKenzie; Supply Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Price, of Sherbrooke; Literature Secretary, Mrs. G. M. Dick, of Sherbrooke; Press Secretary, Miss R. Scott, of Quebec.

Rev. E. K. Grant gave the dedicatory prayer.

The evening meeting was presided over by the newly elected President, Mrs. W. G. Waddell. Rev. E. K. Grant opened the meeting. After the devotional exercises Rev. Jos. Cordner gave an impressive address. The report of the resolution committee was given and also the registration committee, which showed that a goodly number had attended during the day. Mrs. M. A. McDonald gave the closing words, which brought a pleasant and profitable day to an end. Rev. E. K. Grant pronounced the benediction.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT AND SASKATOON P.S.—Parkview: Mr. E. L. Garvin of Mayfair Church addressed the May meeting of the W.M.S. taking for his subject ''Our individual responsibility to the Church.'' At the close of the meeting a social half hour was spent with Mrs. Hamilton of Los Angeles, California and Mrs. Sutherland of Vancouver, former members of the Society.

At the May meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon, Mrs. J. B. Young gave a very interesting paper from the second chapter of the study book, ''The Royal Road.'' Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Rodwell led in the devotional exercises.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—Parkview: Mr. H. J. Stelbon, student in charge, addressed the June meeting, taking as his subject, Present Day Problems of Korea. His address was most interesting as he had been born and brought up in Korea, and knew his subject well. At this meeting a letter was read which was to accompany a Life Membership certificate and pin to Mrs. W. J. Burnett, now of Niagara Falls, Ontario, in memory of her husband, Rev. W. J. Burnett, late pastor of Parkview congregation.

Mrs. Hawke, one of the oldest members of Melfort Auxiliary, was presented with a Life Membership certificate and an enlarged photograph of the Church. Mrs. Hawke takes with her, to her new home in Winnipeg, the best wishes of the Society.

Coleville reports encouraging progress despite the difficulties of having neither minister nor Church. Miss Ethel Scott, deaconess, was married in Scott Presbyterian Church, on May 7th, to Rev. Arthur Leggatt, of Kindersley.

Mistawsis reports a new Sunday School with twenty-two scholars and a service with fifty present, also a good Sunday School, Mission Band and Ladies' Aid at Mt. Nebo.

A sectional meeting was held at Rosetown June 11th. Mrs. W. G. Brown, Presbyterial President, presided. The roll call was responded to by Coleville, Kindersley, Dinsmore, Rosetown, Saskatoon (St. Andrew's and Parkview). Although Biggar has no organized W.M.S., several ladies interested in missionary work attended. Mrs. Stuart, of Kindersley, and Miss Brell, of Saskatoon, were the speakers.

''Prayer for strength of soul is that passion of the soul which catches the gift it seeks.''

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British Columbia Provincial.—

HONORARY MEMBER

Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Mt. Pleasant Aux.

Manitoba Provincial.—

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HONORARY MEMBER

Barrie P.S.—Mrs. J. S. Shortt, by Barrie Presbyterial.

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Barrie P.S.—K. Edna Gray, Orillia M.B.; Catherine Brown, Gevymeth Brown, Margaret Brown M.B., Barrie; **Guelph P.S.**—Bella M. Rozzell, Donna C. Clark, Acton M.B.; Ruth E. Thompson, Elora M.B.; Nora E. Jones, Campbellville M.B.; **Hamilton P.S.**—Agnes McDaid, Jean Hunt, Louise Gourlay, Margaret Jaggard, St. John's M.B., Hamilton; Elsie Thompson, Margaret Graham, (both silver seals) St. Paul's M.B., Hamilton; Dorothy Adam, Beginners Dep't., St. Paul's S.S., Hamilton; **Peterboro P.S.**—Margaret Morgan, Jean Stenson, M. E. MacDonald, St. Paul's M.B., Peterboro; **Stratford P.S.**—Betty M. Linton, Mitchell M.B.; **Toronto P.S.**—Helen Bright, Busy Bee M.B., Riverdale Ch., Toronto; Ellen McMillan (Blue seal) Ellenor Porter Teasdale, (Blue seal) Maple Leaf M.B., Chalmers Ch., Toronto.

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IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Guelph P.S.—Mrs. G. Mann by a friend, Acton Aux.; **Glengarry P.S.**—Mrs. J. D. MacLeod, by St. Columbia Aux., Kirk Hill; **Hamilton P.S.**—Miss Glennie, St. John's Aux., Hamilton; **Toronto P.S.**—Mrs. W. K. Mowat by her sister, Mrs. Wm. McKenzie, Knox Aux., Toronto; Miss Eliza A. Montgomery by her sister Miss Helen Montgomery, Knox Aux., Toronto; Miss May Little, to Mrs. Margaret Little by Sloan Aux., Parkdale Ch., Toronto.

Maitland P.S.—Mrs. James Robertson, to Mr. James Robertson, by W.M.S., Teeswater. **Paris P.S.**—Miss Nellie Dickie, by her sister, Mrs. J. Whitelaw, Knox Aux., Woodstock. **Stratford P.S.**—Mr. and Mrs. J. McLaren, Lakeside, Ont., by their daughter, Miss A. McLaren, First Ch. Aux., St. Mary's.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—Miss Annie Kirkwood, to Mrs. J.

Kirkwood by sisters and brothers, Chesley. Mrs. D. M. Jermyn by Ladies' Aid, St. Paul's, Wiarton. Mrs. Norman Robertson to Mrs. Frank Rennie by W.M.S. Aux., Walkerton. **Lanark and Renfrew P.S.**—Mrs. W. A. McKay, to Mr. W. A. McKay by Renfrew Aux. **Peterboro P.S.**—Mrs. I. M. Teeter by her daughter Mrs. Austin of Erin, Peterboro Aux. **Sarnia P.S.**—Mrs. David Wilson by her husband, West Adelaide Aux.

Correction.—From December Issue instead of Miss C. McNeil, it should read Mrs. Wilson, Keene Aux.

Quebec Provincial.—

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In Loving Memory of:

Miss Jane McFee, by her cousins, Misses McFee of Havelock to Hammingford Aux.; Mrs. Gordon R. Duncan, by Ladies of St. Andrew's and St. Paul to St. Cuthbert's Aux., Montreal; Miss Jeanie Forsyth by Home Helpers of St. Andrew's and St. Paul, Montreal.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Toronto P.S.—"Glenview" M.B., Toronto.

OUR WORK DIVINE

"But since to human hands like ours
Thou hast committed work divine,
Shall not our eager hearts make haste
To join their feeble powers to Thine?
To word and work shall not our hands
Obedient move, nor lips be dumb,
Lest, through our sinful love of ease
Thy kingdom should delay to come?"

Treasurer's Statement

May 31st, 1929

RECEIPTS

A Friend "Lily Leung Trust Fund"	$3,500.00
Government Grant Received for Birtle Indian School	3,422.10
Government Grant Received for Mistawasis	240.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Ontario	9,000.00
Manitoba	595.00
British Columbia	600.00
	$17,357.10

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital	$ 290.00
McMurray Hospital	144.16
Canora Hospital	487.70
Vegreville Hospital	325.00
Chinese in Canada	514.14
Indian School "Cecilia Jeffrey"	547.35
Indian School Birtle	432.44
Indian School Mistawasis	93.67
Government Grant paid to Birtle	3,422.10
Huntingdon School Home	175.00
New Liskeard School Home	247.86
Saskatoon School Home.	160.00
Prince Albert School Home	166.20
Vegreville School Home..	721.80
Social Service	1,371.90
South China	566.66
Manchuria China	647.50
India, Bhil	5,081.25
India, Gwalior	2,122.45
British Guiana	404.16
Formosa	1,742.64
Japan	1,902.50
Publications	706.65
Organization	352.50
Supplies	257.90
Candidate	7.33
Miscellaneous	231.18
Council Expense	2,396.75
Deputation	8.10
Administration	1,285.51
	$26,812.40

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand April 30th, 1929	$83,334.00	
Receipts	17,357.10	
Disbursements		$26,812.40
Bank Balance		12,257.48
Pension Fund		4,872.71
Legacy Fund		4,453.97
Sustaining Fund		41,159.68
Bonds		10,450.00
Associated Treasurers, China		400.00
Hong Kong Bank Corporation		250.00
Cash on hand		34.86
	$100,691.10	$100,691.10

(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,
Treasurer.

PUBLICATIONS

1929 STUDY BOOKS AND HELPS

FOR AUXILIARIES, Y. W. AUXILIARIES, C.G.I.T. AND MISSION BANDS

The Royal Road, Study Book for Auxiliaries, price 60c. and	$ .85
May we Assist you With Your Programme on The Royal Road? (new)	.10
Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands, by Muriel Gray. The new study book for teen-age organizations for 1928-29	.25
Light Bearers, the new Mission Band study book for 1928-29	.25
Bible Lessons for Boys and Girls, 3 series, each series	.12
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The President's Address to Council

SINCE the last meeting there has been a change in the Presidency and I have been elected to that office. And as I come to you to-day to preside for the first time at a Council meeting as President, I do so with a very deep sense of my duties and also with a determination to give myself unreservedly to the work to which I have been called.

We are met together as leaders. Upon us as a Council devolves the task of formulating the policies of our Society wisely and well, with vision and yet with caution, with regard to the best interests of our women in the lonely out of the way places as well as in the busy cities and with regard to the greatest needs of the work whether at home or abroad. Our task is a twofold one.

First.—The cultivation of the home base.

Second.—The maintenance and extension of our mission work.

On the prosecution of the first depends the success of the second.

That the first has not been neglected the reports of our Organization Secretaries will show. And yet there is much room left for intensive cultivation. We are missing much because so many of our Presbyterian women are still not members of our organization and of this I am sure, they are missing more. Are we interpreting missions rightly to them, especially to our young women? There never was a time when our young people require a more sympathetic and helpful understanding from the older women of our Church, nor was there ever a time when we needed more to keep in touch with them. Our own Student Secretary, Miss Helen McEwen, had to retire this year through ill health and regretfully her resignation was accepted. So far no one has been found to fill her place. This is unfortunate, especially in view of the following statement received from the Candidate Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for foreign missions:—

"Good news is always welcome—here is some I want to share with you. It has to do with the number of new student volunteers.

We have all been concerned by the persistent decline since 1920. So persistent was it that 1928 showed only 9 per cent. as many new volunteers as 1920.

January 1st marked the turn of the tide. There began a steady increase, which now for three consecutive months is more than double the totals for the same period last year. It may be too early to venture predictions—though many signs make me confident that we are at the dawn of a new day.''

This statement also takes account of the Student Volunteer Movement in Canada and we welcome the good news and feel more than ever the need of a Student Secretary to relate these to our Women's Missionary Society, and foster their interest till their student days are done.

I must refer to the approaching resignation of our Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Edith Sinclair, and would pay a tribute to her work and her enthusiasm. Miss Sinclair came to the work at a difficult time and has won her way and made a large place for herself among our girls. Her profound realization that missions holds an important place in girls' work has resulted in an ever increasing affiliation with the W.M.S. Her monthly letters to the girls were very wonderful and comprehensive. We will follow Miss Sinclair into her new life with affectionate regard. We welcome her successor, Miss Winifred Yuill, B.A., of Melita, Manitoba. She represents the third generation of W.M.S. workers in her family. But the greatest loss to our Society at large and the Publications Department in particular, is the resignation of Miss Jessie Parsons, Secretary Treasurer of Publications. The long years of service given by Miss Parsons and her desire to be relieved of the burden, made it impossible for the Council Executive to do other than accept it. Miss Parsons was elected to the Board of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in 1899. In 1900 she became Secretary of Life Members and in 1901 she was made Secretary of Publications, so that for nearly 29 years she has been connected with that work and the name of Miss Jessie Parsons is known wherever the W.M.S. is known. I speak out of a full heart of what the office will be without her gentle presence, it can never be quite the same. I know I voice the feelings of all when I say that Miss Parsons will leave carrying with her the affection and esteem of every member.

I would bring to your remembrance also those of our members who having served their Lord and Master while on earth, have now entered into rest and serve Him day and night in His temple. We cannot name all but would make mention of Mrs. Ephraim Scott, Mrs. George A. Grier and Miss Margaret Rodger, all of Quebec Provincial. They have gone from us leaving behind memories of lives consecrated and devoted. ''O God to us may grace be given to follow in their train.''

It is not my intention to review the various departments of work. This can be better done by the secretaries and through discussion. I would, however, like to touch on several points connected with some of the departments. In speaking of our finances, our estimates and allocations or budget as we sometimes call it. I would very much deplore it if any of our branches looked upon this allocation as a tax or felt it to be more or less of a disgrace if their particular allocation was not met. There must be estimates and for convenience these are divided up among the Provincials and finally divided up amongst Presbyterials and Auxiliaries, but these are merely for guidance. The Council Executive must never, nor does it wish to dictate to anyone what their standard of giving should be. Rather it makes up the estimates based on the needs of the field and then by making known those needs, strives to meet them.

The Treasurer's report shows a good amount in the Sustaining Fund, but I trust no one will feel that with this fund, they can slacken their efforts. During the lean months it becomes quite depleted and saves many hundreds of dollars in interest. To put it plainly this fund helps meet the carelessness of our branches in not sending in their money promptly, and also meets the fact that so many of our women wait till near the close of the year to do their giving. This is a very real worry to all who are entrusted with the management of the finances of the Society. Can it not be bettered? Our women have never failed at anything yet.

Coming to our organization, several things have been borne in upon me. Mission Bands are disbanding in many places for lack of leaders. If the children are not trained to take an interest in missions do not be surprised if in a few years the membership of the Society decreases. Our future depends largely on our Mission Bands, and I appeal to the Auxiliary woman to consider if it is not her duty to see that no Band disbands.

Another matter is the need of more consecutive study on the part of our Auxiliaries. It is a bad thing for any group of women to feel that they must be spoon-fed as far as their programmes are concerned. Except on special occasions, let them depend more on themselves than on outside speakers, it will profit them more. The study books are compiled not to be read at meetings but as helps on which to base programmes and make a real study of all our work and the work of the Church. May I also suggest the desirability of the women who have had experience in W.M.S. work bringing forward and developing the gifts and talents of newer members. Do not let any of us feel that we are the only ones who can do a piece of work well or fill an office acceptably. This applies from Council Executive up to Auxiliaries. Give every woman a chance by changing officers so that different women may receive the inspiration gained by coming to Council, to Provincial or Presbyterial. In sending your delegation to Council see that there is a rotation of officers. Keep out of ruts. Magnify your office while you hold it and then having held it, turn it over to some one else who may develop some part of the work which you could not. So much for the cultivation of the home base.

Let us now turn to the maintenance and extension of our mission work. A few concrete facts gleaned from the reports of the National Secretaries may be of use. There are now over 400 young people under the care of the W.M.S. in the School Homes, Indian Schools and Chinese work. In the hospitals 1,532 patients have been treated. Sixty-three workers are being supported in Canada by the W.M.S., and $102,723.00 was expended on National work, of which $24,480.00 was received for Indian Schools from the Department of Indians Affairs.

While all branches of National work are important, I would like to stress one department, that of the Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare. The welcoming of newcomers to our shores and relating them to our Church through the ministers is largely in the hands of the Women's Missionary Society, and I can think of no department which lends itself more not only to the upbuilding of our Church but to the strengthening of our nation. There is also no department in which promptness of action is more necessary on the part of those receiving names to locate. In the Deaconess Department there seems to be a growing desire for deaconesses at large to help organize and build up our Churches in isolated parts of the various provinces, and in the growing centres to seek out those who have lapsed from Church-going, and see that they are settled in some Church home. The work of a deaconess is very varied and the touch that only a deaconess can give is needed in many places.

Speaking of deaconesses leads me naturally to refer to another Board of the Church, very closely related to ours—The Missionary and Deaconess Training Home—and to say how truly we rejoice in the success that is attending it and in the fact that so many fine young women are entering it to prepare for the service of their Church at home and abroad.

Our Church is planning to extend her work in Canada. The great Peace River country in Northern Alberta and British Columbia, the Le Pas district in Northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Northern Ontario and the Rouyn district in Quebec, are all asking for the services of the Presbyterian Church. In the past, the history of Church life and work in Canada will show that the Presbyterian Church has always followed her people into the far-off places. She has always been a pioneer and her democratic government has always appealed to pioneers. So the Presbyterian Church will not fail her people now. What part in the extension work will the W.M.S. be asked to play? Already I have been asked if we would be ready to follow the Church with the ministrations which perhaps only women can give. Knowing the women of our Society as I do, what answer could I make other than I made, that when the time comes the W.M.S. would be ready. So prepare now for this advance.

I cannot refrain from saying a word about the mission work of our

Church. Never in her history in Canada, I believe, has she had such a programme of home mission work. To sit at the sessions of the Board of Missions and listen as one avenue of service after another passed in review, was to be thrilled and thankful. The stories of the heroism of Minority Groups, the home mission fields open for our students and missionaries, the non-Anglo Saxon work among Scandinavians, Hungarians, Ukrainians, Italians and Chinese—Presbyterians all—is a direct challenge.

To be of service to our Church is our aim. So let us put all our energy and all our resources behind our Church in her efforts and at the same time let us strive to carry on efficiently that part of the work committed to our care.

In our overseas field considerable progress has been made. The two new fields, Manchuria and Korean work in Japan are becoming quite firmly established. It is indeed good news and heartening to those on the field, that three new missionaries will be added to the staff in Manchuria this year for Manchuria presents an opportunity to the Christian and Missionary forces which will tax all their powers, if they are prepared to take advantage of it.

In Formosa, the number of nurses required in ''Mackay Memorial Hospital'' has been filled and evangelists and teachers have gone out this year but still no one has offered for the Principalship of the Girls' School. A college woman is required. After seeing this School and its fine work, the failure to secure anyone has been very heavy upon my heart. Will you not make this a matter of prayer?

In India, I would just draw your attention to this fact. More missionaries are urgently required and in 1930 some will be ready for both the Bhil and Gwalior fields we hope. But sending more missionaries will necessitate more bungalow accommodation and we must look ahead and provide this before the missionaries reach the field.

In British Guiana, we only need to think of the condition of some of the buildings and of the scarcity of workers to visualize the need of aggressive work in this field.

The W.M.S. now supports 26 missionaries in the overseas fields and since June, 1925, there have been 20 appointments made.

Of all our devoted missionaries in Manchuria, Japan, China, Formosa, India, British Guiana and Canada, I would say we thank God daily upon every remembrance of them. Their work, as is all mission work, is in the nature of ointment poured forth. As they toil in foreign lands, in the lonely out of the way places, and in the loneliest of all places, the busy city, may their own need be supplied from Christ the Living Head.

I would also like to thank the Vice-Presidents and Secretaries and members of Council Executive for their unfailing kindness and thoughtfulness to me and for their devotion to the work. Our meeting on Tuesday as we gather at the opening and close for devotion and prayer is a very sacred thing. I know all the Council Executive will unite with me in thanking the executive staff in the office for the efficient manner in which the work of the office has been done.

To the Provincial Presidents, all officers and the membership at large, we extend our thanks for their whole-hearted support in every undertaking and join with them in thanksgiving for a Society united in purpose where so willingly individual and provincial wishes are submerged in the interests of the whole work.

No address would be complete without some reference to the Jerusalem meeting of last year, that great gathering where they were able so to rethink and restate the message and the programme as to make possible a clear direction for the Christian missionary enterprise in the momentous period that lies just ahead.

What is the motive which brings us to this Council meeting and which all through the years keeps us working and giving of our time and energy to this missionary enterprise? I cannot do better in answering this question than to quote a passage from ''The World Mission of Christianity'' which contains the findings of the Jerusalem meeting.

''We do not go to the nations called non-Christian, because they are the worst of the world and they alone are in need—we go because they are a part of the world and share with us in the same human need—the need of redemption from ourselves and from sin, the need to have life complete and abundant and to be re-made after this pattern of Christ-likeness. We desire a world in which Christ will not be crucified but where His Spirit shall reign.

We believe that men are made for Christ and cannot really live apart from Him. Our fathers were impressed with the horror that men should die without Christ—we share that horror; we are impressed also with the horror that men should live without Christ.

Herein lies the Christian motive; it is simple. We cannot live without Christ and we cannot bear to think of men living without Him. We cannot be content to live in a world that is un-Christlike. We cannot be idle while the yearning of His heart for His brethren is unsatisfied.

Since Christ is the motive, the end of Christian missions fits in with that motive. Its end is nothing less than the production of Christlike character in individuals and societies and nations through faith in and fellowship with Christ the living Saviour, and through corporate sharing of life in a divine society.

Christ is our motive and Christ is our end. We must give nothing less, and we can give nothing more.''

The Treasurer's Annual Statement

MRS. R. C. DONALD

IT is once more my privilege to present a very satisfactory Financial Report.

Each year since 1925 we have gone steadily forward in our givings, thus enabling our Society to undertake and successfully carry out greater responsibilities in the Master's work.

As you all know, our Estimate for 1928 was $170,000. This you exceeded by $18,711.91, as our total receipts amounted to $188,711.91. Of that amount, however, we must notice that $5,000.00 came as a gift to build a Children's Nursing Home in Amkhut; $1,388.00 from legacies; $2,189.53 should have been counted in 1927 allocations from British Columbia and Alberta, and what we are always very pleased to note, $1,112.28 was interest. Deducting these amounts we find that our surplus over allocations was about $9,000.00.

Please do not think that I am in any way depreciating our givings, for I think it was very wonderful that the women of our Church should raise such a splendid sum, at a time when many had very heavy demands on them to rebuild their Church. But I just want every officer of our Society to understand, so that we may not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

So many of our Treasurers were new to the work, your General Treasurer among the number, that it has taken some time to get them to understand the policy of the Finance Department. But each year we are improving and if I could just make two or three points clear, I am sure you would do your best to carry them out.

First comes the same old plea for more regular and systematic giving, so that Provincial returns might come in monthly to the General Treasurer and a reasonable proportion of the allocations be paid by the end of the first six months. Last year, by the end of June we had to borrow $20,000.00 from our Sustaining Fund, and we were not able to repay it until the end of December thus losing six months' interest.

My next point is *Legacies.* Whenever a legacy is left either to the W.M.S. or to a special Auxiliary, if it were sent at once to the General Treasurer and put into our Legacy Account, we would soon build up a nice Capital Account, to be used for new buildings, etc. But if these legacies are kept by Auxiliaries, and either included in their allocation, or the principal invested and the interest put into the Auxiliary funds, that is really so much lost, for we put all interest from legacies back into the Legacy Account, not into the general fund, and so help to build it up.

I am sure you all agree, that neither a legacy nor the interest from a legacy should be used to make up an Auxiliary allocation.

My third point is *Special Gifts,* and this I am asked about so many times. I will just emphasize one thing and that is, that a special gift cannot be counted in an Auxiliary, and also be sent in to the General Treasurer to be entered as a special. That would mean having the amount credited twice. So any one who wishes to give any special gift, outside the general allocation, must send it to the General Treasurer if it is to be marked as such.

There has been a great deal of questioning all year about *Expense Fund.* How it is to be raised, and for what it is to be spent. I was instructed by the Council Executive to write to all Provincial Treasurers asking them to get as much information on the matter as possible and send it in for discussion at the Council. Answers have come in from some Provincials and I would suggest that the Advisory Committee and Executive have a conference to go into this matter and submit their findings to the Council.

It has been felt for some time that the Budget presented to Council should be that for the following year, as the one we now give you has already been half spent. It is not possible to have a detail of our estimates for 1930 ready for this meeting, but the Council Executive ask that you approve an approximate estimate of $185,000.00 and that in future we present, as nearly as possible a full estimate for the following year.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES AND PENSION FUND

MRS. STRACHAN stated that the Trustees' Report is the same as that of last year. The following are the properties and values: New Liskeard School Home, property and equipment $10,255.99; South Porcupine Hospital and equipment $12,466.71; Gonor Mission, additional property $427.50; Saskatoon School Home, property and equipment $33,650.00, office equipment $852.02; Huntingdon School Home $6,250.00; total $63,902.22.

Mrs. Strachan also presented the Pensions' Report. This, at the request of Council, was printed in full in the July-August *Glad Tidings.*

Go up and on! thy day well done,
Its morning promise well fulfilled,
Arise to triumphs yet unwon,
To holier tasks that God has willed.—WHITTIER.

The Council Meeting

A Summary of Impressive Happenings

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Ottawa, beautiful and spacious, with a history stretching back over one hundred years was chosen for the Council Meeting of 1929. Here from May 28th to 31st there was held a gathering that has never been paralleled in the history of our Society. It was a happy augury for the first Council presided over by the new President, Mrs. Daniel Strachan. Every one in speaking of it says, "It was a wonderful meeting!" Then, invariably, there follows a silence more eloquent than words and the listener knows that the members are living again these four unforgettable days.

Among the many factors which contributed to its success, we would mention the work of the committees, both in Ottawa and at headquarters, who were charged with the making and perfecting of plans, and the preparation of the programme, and whose faithful and devoted service brought such rich returns.

St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa

Then there was the presence of the missionaries. Our hearts burn within us as we think of them! The Reverend John Buchanan, M.D., D.D., of India—our Missionary Moderator as we affectionately term him—and Mrs. Buchanan; Mrs. John Wilkie and Dr. Margaret O'Hara, of India; Miss Luella I. Crockett of South China, missionary elect to Manchuria; Miss Anne Senior, of Formosa; Miss Elise Barlow, of British Guiana; Miss Agnes Dickson and Miss Ethel Reid (formerly of South China), Miss Hattie Jue, of Montreal, and Miss Davies of Brockville, all four workers among the Chinese in Canada; Mrs. H. B. Currie, matron of our Indian Residential School, Birtle, Manitoba; Miss Olive Ross, of Fort McMurray, Alberta; and Miss L. Macarthur, port and immigration worker at Quebec. Add to these, ninety-nine official delegates, and Mrs. L. A. Moore, the beloved President of the Eastern Division, who was an honored guest, and made a great contribution to our programme, and at once our readers will see how rich was the feast provided for our strengthening and inspiration and how wide the circle of our interest and our work.

Important as these were, we place above all the preparation of the spirit through prayer, which preceded and continued throughout the days—The early morning watch—who can forget it? ''With what eagerness we came and with what joy we went away.'' And the Noonday Meditation when, business laid aside and the doors closed, Miss Ethel Reid led us in a quiet period of devotion, and in an exquisitely intimate talk on the Epistle of Philemon 8:21, that small but perfect gem hidden away in amongst larger letters, the story of a runaway slave and his ''Father in God,'' and as one perfectly expressed it, ''As we meditated the fire burned and the Christ who could change the once 'unprofitable' servant into one 'now profitable' and a brother beloved, stood 'the same yesterday, to-day and forever'.''

Young People's Night

IN the forefront of a series of outstanding events was the Young People's Night. Youth was everywhere; in the corridors, the class rooms, at the doors, in the halls. And what a hum of conversation there was! Then suddenly, the piano sounded and to the music of the Processional Hymn ''O Worship The King,'' the girls marched in followed by the missionaries and the minister of the Church, the Rev. W. H. Leathem, who led the devotions.

The spectacular always appeals to youth and the pageant entitled ''The Vision'' was the big event for them. Almost equal in importance was the announcement of the prize winner in the Treasure Book competition. Every province sent in Treasure Books and the judges, Miss Dickson, Miss Lamont and Miss Senior, had no easy task making a decision. To Melita, Manitoba, the first prize was awarded because of the choice and arrangement of material, the ingenuity displayed and because it dealt with our work. Honorable mention was given to the Galt Group and Saskatoon School Home. Indeed, each book was a gem in itself and was a revelation of what girls can do when their ambition is set afire. The C.G.I.T. and girls' organizations of the district then presented a colorful pageant which was greatly enhanced by the messages from our missionaries: Dr. O'Hara, India; Miss Senior, Formosa; Miss Crockett, Manchuria; Miss Barlow, British Guiana; Mrs. Currie, of our Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man.; Miss Hattie Jue, of the Chinese Mission, Montreal, Miss Macarthur, port worker, Quebec; with the final challenge by Miss Sinclair. This was followed by the beautiful ceremony—the lighting of the candles and the softly sung words of their Recessional Hymn.

''O Love That Will Not Let Me Go,''

. . . . . .

''O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze, its day
May brighter, fairer be.''

Guests at Rideau Hall

THROUGH the gracious invitation of Her Excellency, Viscountess Willingdon, the members of the Council were guests at tea at Rideau Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Owing to the much regretted illness of Her Excellency, His Excellency, the Governor-General, very kindly received the guests, and with members of his household, showed them through the house with its rare and beautiful treasures, very often collected in the Orient.

The Pilgrimage to the Shrine, Peace Tower, Parliament Hill

WE approach the story of the Pilgrimage to the Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill with hesitancy, because of the conflicting emotions that come as we think of this sanctuary of Canada's anguish, love and pride, and our remembrance of the valiant hearts that made the great surrender. Words cannot describe the rare beauty and deep significance of this Memorial Chamber, with its vaulted stone ceiling and marble panels on which are engraved the story of Canada's achievements. In the centre is the altar, of massive stone, ornamented with the Royal Arms and the Arms of Canada and the provinces, whereon will rest the Book of Remembrance in which are the names of the 60,000 Canadians who gave their lives that we might live.

On the altar is the inscription "My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought His battle who will now be my rewarder. So he passed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side." And above the door just these words: "All's well, for over there among his peers a happy warrior sleeps."

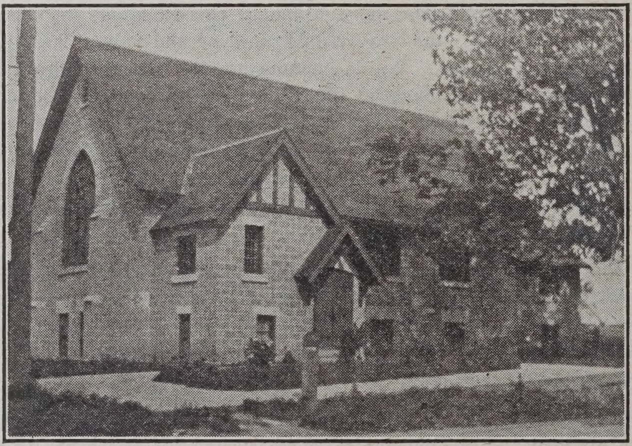
Above the Memorial Chamber, the Carillon of 53 bells has been placed, "by the authority of Parliament to commemorate the peace of 1918 and to keep in remembrance the sacrifice of Canada in the Great War." Surely it is prophetic of the dawning of a better day that round the rim of the bell which bears the inscription should be the words, "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace and Goodwill toward men."

Manotick

A MEMORY apart is the visit to Manotick. It came at the close of the Thursday afternoon session. Through the beautiful highways and byways of Ottawa—the enchanting Rockcliffe Park—and a lovely country drive, the members arrived at Manotick. And there, just off the highway, was the Church, bearing the honored name of Knox. And what a gem it is! and precious beyond words in the sight of the people.

It is a part of themselves, built with their own hands and opened to the glory of God in November, 1926, an undying memorial to the faith, courage and loyalty of the people, who losing their first home, by three votes, have replaced it and filled it with a membership greater than before the union.

At the door to bid the guests welcome stood the new minister, the Rev. W. A. Young, and his bride wife, Mrs. Calvin Blair, the President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary and the President of the Ladies' Aid and other members. Inside stretched a blue banner with the promise of "One Thousand Welcomes", while the sweet voices of the Mission Band children sang, "O Canada. . .We Stand On Guard for Thee." Then came tea, and such a tea! and messages from the minister and our President and a simple but memorable ceremony when the missionaries, one by one, rose and were introduced to the children by Mrs. McKerroll.



Knox Church, Manotick

There, that day, was an old lady, a Mrs. McTavish, who had long wanted to meet Dr. O'Hara, and the picture that will not pass came at the very end, when the aged member of the Church in Canada clasped hands with the veteran missionary of our Church in India, while, like flowers in the vine circled basement windows, were the faces of the little children peeping in. It was age meeting age and youth looking on. It was Canada of yesterday greeting India, and the Canada to be watching and wondering.

THE GREAT EVENING MEETING

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH has been the scene of many wonderful gatherings, but we doubt if ever, in its long and illustrious history, it has had any finer than that held on the Wednesday evening. What a sight it was and what a setting! The stately auditorium, the great audience, the gowned choir, and on the platform our President surrounded by our missionaries from almost every land and clime.

Honored indeed was the Council in its speakers that night: The Right Reverend John Buchanan, M.D., D.D., the Moderator of the General Assembly, and the Reverend D. R. Drummond, D.D., Convener of the Board of Missions. Their fervid and impassioned messages on the open doors of service overseas and in Canada stirred deep emotions.

The Presentation of Medals

The moment of the ceremony of the presentation of medals having arrived, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, Honorary President, and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, took their places on the platform and all eyes were focussed on the missionaries. Then Mrs. Sharp rose and, amid intense stillness, said:

Long Service Medal

''You have been listening with the greatest interest to these wonderful addresses, and looking into the faces of our missionaries, some of whom have given years and years of service for you and for me, and now you are asking the question: What shall be done to those whom the Society delights to honor? The answer is in this little item on the programme which to us is an object lesson, and which will be one, I think, to our Presbyterian Church in Canada. What shall be done to those whom our Society delights to honor? Twenty-five years of service! What a block out of one's life! How much they have given before we can give them this token of recognition!

''Miss Agnes Dickson—our Miss Dickson! you all know her. She has worked for us in the Empire of China and is now serving the Chinese in Canada. Miss Dickson! In the name of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, we present you with this medal in recognition of our appreciation of your twenty-five years of service, and may God bless you and keep you.

''Mrs. William Gauld. One of our missionaries who went out to Formosa in the last century, 1892, and has given thirty-seven years of service. She is not here to-night to hear the words of appreciation, but we would like to honor her for her loyalty and devotion to the work,

Miss Agnes I. Dickson

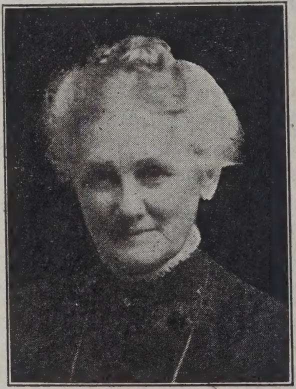
Mrs. Wm. Gauld

and would ask Miss Senior, of Formosa, who is with us, to convey to Mrs. Gauld this token of our appreciation and love.

"And now our beloved Dr. O'Hara, of India, this minister in the Great Physician's work, we extend to you this second bar, symbolic of five years' service, to be added to the medal and bar you already possess, and which will represent thirty-five years' service, and may the Lord add His blessing and comfort and cheer to His loyal servant who has worked so long and so faithfully for you and me and the Church."

Then came the presentation of Special Service medals to the wives of our missionaries. First, Mrs. John Wilkie, who fifty years ago in

Dr. Margaret O'Hara



Mrs. John Wilkie

Mrs. John Buchanan

October went to India with Dr. Wilkie. We are dumb when we attempt to speak of the late Dr. Wilkie, or of Mrs. Wilkie. The second is Mrs. John Buchanan, for nearly forty-one years an outstanding missionary among the Bhils, having gone out in 1888. The third is Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, that wonderful missionary in Honan and Manchuria, where she and Dr. Goforth have labored so faithfully these forty-one years. (This medal will be taken to Mrs. Goforth by Miss Crockett).

We cannot record our missionaries' words of gratitude nor our joy as we looked at these loved "Ladies of the Decoration," sufficient for us that our hearts and voices mingled in the magnificent Doxology:

"Salvation and immortal praise
To our victorious King!
Let heaven and earth, and rocks and seas,
With glad hosannas ring.

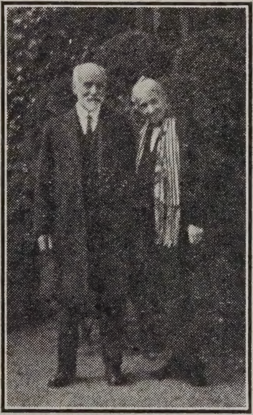
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, and is,
And shall be evermore."

Discussion and Conference Session

THERE was no question drawer. That has been eliminated we hope forever. Instead, an evening was set apart for discussion of the problems in each department, and every department had them, and every province, and they all differed to a degree. But we learned that night, in the counsel of many there is wisdom, and that for every difficulty there is a solution. Other impressions were the ability of our women to present their case, the restraint of those who love an argument and argue well, and the evident desire on the part of all to work out plans and formulate policies which would result in the greatest good to the greatest number.

Farewells and Welcomes

THESE were not listed on the programme but they were none the less very important events. First came Miss Parsons' farewell, and the introduction, by the President of her



Dr. and Mrs. Goforth

successor, Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne, then the announcement of the resignation of Miss Edith A. Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, who is about to be married, and the introduction of Miss Winifred Yuill, who will take her place. Both Secretaries received a warm welcome from the Council.

Closing Words

IT was an inspiration that led us to ask Mrs. John Brent of Coleville, Sask., to give the closing words. Mrs. Brent represented a small hamlet in that vast province. They have no church, no minister, a small congregation, and only eleven Auxiliary members, and sometimes they wonder if it is worth while carrying on. Yet one of these eleven women brought to the Council, gathered in the Capital City of Canada, a message that was at once an inspiration and a benediction. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ," was her theme and we shall not soon forget the picture she drew of the change it makes in our lives when we are "in Christ," and the duty and responsibility that is ours as ambassadors or messengers to beseech others to be reconciled to God.

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Ere we close these impressions we would like to express our gratitude to all who made our sojourn in the beautiful Capital City of the Dominion so happy. If we might be allowed we would single out for special remembrance Mrs. C. H. Thorburn, the General Secretary of Arrangements, Mrs. W. H. Blair, Mrs. W. A. Graham, Miss Edith Crannell, and their splendid committees, and because we are both press women we would tuck in Mrs. J. R. Hill, whose preparatory publicity work and press reports during Council were so fine. —M.C.G.F.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

Organization

THE Corresponding Secretary, Miss MacMurchy, said that in all our organization work that which lies nearest our heart is the new member in our Missionary Society and the uninterested woman. One who toured western Canada—and the same is equally true of Quebec and Ontario—told of the wonderful courage and determination of the splendid groups of women who are carrying the burden of their own work and that of the Church. And the statement was made, "Where there was a women's organization, the Church was strong; where there was no woman's organization the Church was weak." It has been said, that women are famed for their patience in the time of adversity. That can be applied to the women of the Missionary Society and especially of Presbyterian women in Canada. Attention was directed to the increase of 27 Auxiliaries; 3 Y. W. Auxiliaries; 40 Teen-Age organizations; 18 Mission Bands and 40 Associate Societies—a total of 102 branches; also the average Auxiliary membership of 26; and the average number of *Glad Tidings* subscriptions for each Auxiliary of 26; and the generous average contribution per Auxiliary member of $7.31. The statistical summary gives: Number of Provincials 6; Presbyterials 39; Auxiliaries 745; Y. W. Auxiliaries 145; Teen-Age Groups 211; Mission Bands 468; Associate Societies 35; total number of branches 1,604; total membership 45,774; including 9,001 Home Helpers.

International and Interdenominational

THERE has not been a complete report of the International and Interdenominational Department since 1925, continued the Secretary. This year a good deal of space has been given to it. In Boston from June 19th to 27th there is to be held a meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance, at which gathering there is also a woman's meeting, to which we are taking the report to put in the hands of our sisters who represent these great Societies. Representing our W.M.S. at that meeting will be: Mrs. Strachan, Miss MacMurchy, Mrs. C. S. McDonald, of Toronto; Mrs. J. G. Potter, Outremont; Mrs. W. L .Clay, Victoria; Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina, and Mrs. A. H. Scott, Perth. Special reference was made to the splendid achievements of Sister Societies in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, their problems being very similar to our own in Canada. The World's Day of Prayer was specially emphasized and a strong plea made for its whole hearted observance by women of all creeds and races. The closing message from the Organization Department of our Society to its members was this: To make a little deeper in the world the footprints of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Home Helpers

MRS. LOGIE, the Secretary, showed the tremendous possibilities of this department. It is the recruiting ground for W.M.S. members whose aim is ''every woman an active member or a Home Helper.'' While this objective is far from being realized the addition of 375 new Home Helper members in one Presbyterial alone, 1,210 visits reported in another, average giving varying from $3.55 to $11.00, securing by one Secretary of 40 *Glad Tidings* subscriptions, go far to bring about the aim of the Society and the hope of the Home Helpers' Secretary—''Every Home Helper eventually an active member.''

Young Women's Auxiliaries

MRS. FINDLEY, the Secretary, reported that steady persevering effort in this branch has resulted in keener interest and deeper consecration. There are now 145 Young Women's Auxiliaries, an increase of 3, with 11 Associate Societies. The total membership is 3,036. Ontario is the banner province. The reason the girls in the west are not in the Y.W.A. is because they sing in choirs and teach in Sunday Schools. Mrs. Findley appealed to the mothers and Auxiliary women to try and set even one girls' activities in action.

C.G.I.T. and Girls' Organizations

MISS MURIEL GRAY was spokeswoman for the 211 leaders of groups, classes and clubs. These 211 girls' organizations affiliated with the W.M.S. show an increase of 38 branches and 101 members—making the total membership 2,726. This increase is largely from British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Ontario. The givings likewise have grown to $878.32 or $330.43 over last year, and best of all—missionary zeal and interest have accompanied the various increases. Another cause for gratitude is the way in which the leaders and girls have come to look for their page in *The Glad Tidings* for help and information, and for the direct message to themselves from the missionaries. Through these letters the missionaries have established themselves as ''real people'' among the girls at home.

Missionary zeal has also been intensified by our Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Edith Sinclair, through her regular letters to the leaders, her visits to the groups, and the constant emphasis she placed on missionary service. The one consolation in losing her as a Secretary is that we are keeping her as a W.M.S. member, and that the particular locality which is to be her home will benefit greatly by her presence. For her successor, Miss Winifred Yuill, a third generation W.M.S. worker, Miss Gray asked our co-operation and sympathy.

National Girls' Work Board

MRS. McKERROLL, Dominion President of the National Girls' Work Board, brought greetings from the 3,078 groups, including 36,873 girls, who compose this affiliation of various denominations. Mrs. McKerroll urged the members to strengthen the work in their provinces by seeing that Presbyterian representatives are appointed on the Provincial Girls' Work Boards. She besought the members to pay more attention to the girls, to be tactful in their approach, and to take as their motto:

''Keep fishing, but keep out of sight;
Keep fishing, but keep far out of sight;
Keep fishing, but keep farther out of sight.''

Mission Bands

DESPITE a decrease in membership, there was an increase in givings of $1,143.83, in value of supplies of $598.52. Although we did not reach our objective of 500 Bands—only 468 and 1 Associate Band being reported—yet every Provincial Secretary reports an increase. In Ontario, 25 new Bands were organized and still there is only an increase of 18 over last year. Why? For two reasons, mainly, first—the failure to organize a new Band when the one they had was promoted to be a C.G.I.T. Group; second—disbanded for want of a leader. The hope and prayer of the Secretary, Mrs. Dill, is that the word "disbanded" may not appear once in next year's report.

Students

AT the request of the Student Committee, Mrs. D. D. Calvin spoke to this report. Her opening statement was that in trying to find how the department has been run, the conclusion to which she came was that the Student Secretary had had very little organized help. It has been the business of no one person in any university centre to get the names of Presbyterian women students attending that University, or hospital training school. This lack of individual contact, Mrs. Calvin considers a serious handicap in the Student Department, and it might be largely overcome by the appointment of Provincial Student Secretaries. Speaking for the Student Committee, Mrs. Calvin pleaded that each Provincial Society would look carefully over its membership and choose a Student Secretary and that these new Secretaries and the Council Executive Secretary, when appointed, together build up a strong Student Department. "Remembering our own student days," continued Mrs. Calvin, "we would choose for Student Secretaries women young in spirit, if not in years, clear in mind and broad in sympathy. Let them be women whom the mental and spiritual 'growing pains' of youth will not readily shock or unduly alarm and above all, let them be willing to share their fuller knowledge of Christian life, but willing also to bide the right time to speak."

Miss Druce, of Queen's University, told a moving story of the Queen's University Missionary Association, which disbanded in 1928 after an enviable history of 73 years. A Presbyterian Student Association of twenty members has been formed and the hope is that the W.M.S., through the Student Secretary will advise them regarding a definite purpose and leadership.

Miss Molly Johnston, of McGill University, described several ways in which a Provincial Student Secretary could help the Presbyterian student body, and urged ministers from whose congregations young people have gone, to send their names and addresses to somebody who would take an interest in them, preferably the Student Secretary.

Candidates

TWO more candidates, a nurse and a teacher, have been accepted for overseas service since the annual report was written. They have been preparing for years and are going out not as professional women, but as missionaries each with a profession to use in the interest of the work of our Church. Both will enter the Training Home for further preparation. In the Training Home next year we will have nine students preparing for overseas work and an equal number or more for national work. The present need in the national work is nurses, and the Secretary, Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, hopes to have on call eight to ten nurses willing to go into our national hospitals for one or two years, and in this she asks the help of the women of the west and the east. In Formosa the pressing need is for: 1. a university graduate with faculty or normal training, and 2. a music teacher with conservatory standing. Mrs. Grant asked the members to remember these needs in their prayers and when they have prayed.

Miss Lamont—Field Work

YEARS ago William Carey sat at a shoe-maker's bench. Beside him was his Bible and stretched before him a large map which he had drawn and on which the special conditions of the various countries were rudely represented. From his Bible Carey got his vision of His Lord, and from the map his vision of the world.

As I have gone through Ontario and Quebec I have come to the conclusion that what our Church needs is a reconsecration to the vision of our Lord and more Bible study. It has been said that it is very easy to get women into Lodges and Women's Institutes, but hard to get them into the W.M.S. We have to fight against worldliness and indifference, and the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. Besides the old values we need new ventures. It is a new day. Years ago we were satisfied to drive with Dobbin and the buggy, but now we want the high-powered car.

Carey and Morrison were youths when they went out. Missionary work must be a youth movement. One characteristic of the present day is speed, and if our missionary meeting, which is supposed to be the centre of inspiration and missionary effort, would succeed in attracting the young, we must do away with the Dobbin and the buggy methods, and have high power car meetings. Do not let the young people sit quietly while the older women do all the work. Harness youthful enthusiasm. Let us preserve old values but step out into new ventures.

Miss Sinclair Speaks of Trained Leadership

THE Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies of our Church provides Summer Schools for the training of Sunday School teachers and workers among young people. In the National Girls' Work Board we have training camps and courses for similar purposes, but when the girls go to college and university, we fall down, for we do not follow up the training they get in their local church. The report of the Student Department is the one to which we should give most attention because these young women who go out from our universities to teach in high schools, or to engage in library and other types of work, are the very ones we need to take up work among young people.

We live in a changing world and must adjust our ideas to the times. Our young people of to-day when they go to college, university or normal school, have so many new ideas thrust upon them and have such a busy school life that it is not easy for them to break away from their activities to hunt up a church or to make themselves interested in a church which is not interested in them. What we need in our Church is leaders, teachers in our Sunday Schools who have had experience, and know what they believe, and live out their convictions day by day. One of the saddest things leaders have to face in teen-age girls' work is when a girl comes and says, "Is it all right to smoke?" Some girls say, "My mother does it and it is alright." Many leaders throughout our land are side-stepping and afraid to talk about the things that are eating the heart out of our girl life in Canada. We cannot expect young people to become whole-heartedly Christian unless their leaders believe in the purity of the Christ life and stand up and declare themselves. We need women of experience, young in heart, to teach in our Sunday Schools. I have about twelve leaders this year lying on sick beds because they are overworked in office and Church. These leaders realize the tremendous difficulties that face young girls to-day, and they want to guide and encourage them to do worth while things and leave the lesser things alone.

Increased emphasis is being placed on missionary education, and our girls are distinctly interested in bringing the gospel to others and in learning about the great work that is being done.

Let me again thank every one for your splendid co-operation and bespeak for my successor, Miss Yuill, the same co-operation, and sympathy which you have given me.

Supplies

MRS. FLETCHER explained that the problem of the Supply Department is to provide our 4 Hospitals, 6 School Homes with linen and bedding; to clothe the children in our Indian Residential Schools, and renew the bedding and linen; to provide the Orientals in Canada and Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department with their requirements; to send bales of quilts and clothing to the mission fields of our Church.

A few suggestions for Auxiliaries preparing supplies are: (1) Adhere carefully to your allocations. Should it be bedding, the measurements given in the Supply Leaflet should be followed. Our Hospitals, School Homes, and Indian Schools have single beds, three feet wide. When the supplies arrive it is a great satisfaction to the matron to find that all articles are of the right measurement. You know how the beds will look if some pillow cases are long and narrow, others short and stout. (2) Outfits for Indian children should be larger than outfits for our children of the same age. An extra pair of pants of strong material would be a valuable addition to each boy's outfit. Clothing should be first substantial and then attractive. Pretty garments are an incentive to neatness. Thread, yarn, buttons, garter elastic (gay), extra shoe laces are always acceptable. $7.00 per pupil per year is the amount required for boots. (3) Christmas gifts should be forwarded in time to reach their destination at least two weeks before Christmas. Gifts for the Indian children should be included with each outfit. (4) When canned fruit is asked for it refers to the home manufacture, not the commercial article put up in tins which can be bought wholesale by our institutions. (5) Encourage C.G.I.T. Groups and Mission Bands to send their supplies through the Presbyterial Supply Secretary. (6) Remember to fill in the **Invoice** Forms and forward these with the **Receipted Shipping Bills** and signed **Receipt Slips.**

Lantern Slides

MRS. C. S. McDONALD reported that we now have slides on all our mission fields except Manchuria and China. No further sets will be issued until the people of our Church have become familiar with those already prepared. In order that the best results may be obtained from the use of the slides Mrs. McDonald suggested that members should first study the field, the missionaries and their work, then send for the slides. If this is done, it will visualize the fields. The following suggestions were offered which, if carried out, will help to lessen the problems of the distributors: (1) Be sure you have correct address of the distributor for your province; (2) make application early; (3) give a second choice. In returning slides: (1) return to the distributor of the province; (2) see that no slides are missing; (3) arrange in numerical order; (4) place number label at top and along one side of box. Pack carefully, return promptly.

Library

EMPHASIS was placed by Miss Pringle, the Secretary, on the good work that has resulted from sending out fresh literature, and on the welcome that always awaits parcels which arrive regularly. Stale literature never commends itself to anyone. A shower of sixty books; magazines, Church and Sunday School papers, *Glad Tidings,* Bibles and hymn books gathered together or sent by individuals to lonely settlers, mission stations, struggling congregations, minority groups, Sabbath Schools, hospitals and charitable institutions give a mere suggestion of the extent and influence of this most helpful department.

"Glad Tidings"

THE Editor, Miss Fraser, spoke of the *Glad Tidings* which, in four years, has grown from a sixteen to a forty page magazine with a cover, and drew attention to the following interesting statement of subscriptions received during that period.

In 1925 there were 11,966 subscriptions; in 1926 there were 19,000 subscriptions, an increase of 7,034; in 1927 there were 21,257 subscriptions, an increase of 2,251; in 1928 there were 21,513 subscriptions, an increase of 256.

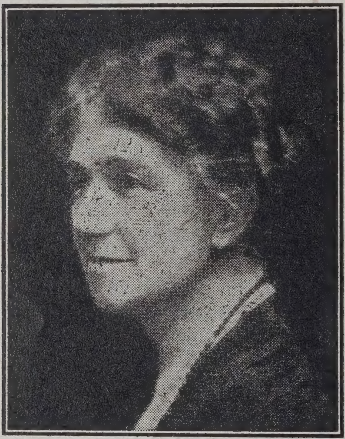
The objective for 1928 was 25,000 but the returns were 3,484 below that figure. Miss Fraser explained that the shortage could easily be met by each branch taking two or three extra copies, one to be used for a file, two for a clipping book for the use of the members when seeking information.

The Blue Book reports 87,623 families in the Church in 1928, and the Editor hopes to see the day when in every Presbyterian home there will be found side by side with the *Presbyterian Record* a copy of *The Glad Tidings.* This is our task.

Miss Jessie Parsons, the Beloved Publications Secretary Retires

IT was natural that at the close of a service which dates back twenty-seven years, Miss Parsons' report should be reminiscent and comparative. Taking as the theme of her message the title of a long forgotten book, "In Change Unchanged," Miss Parsons related how "In 1270 Kublai Khan had commissioned the uncle and father of Marco Polo to go to the Pope and ask for one hundred learned men to come to China and instruct the people in Western knowledge and Christian religion." To-day, Dr. Buchanan is making a similar appeal for recruits for India. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, in speaking to an audience of students in India recently on youth consciousness and the criticism of the older people, quoted an old Egyptian inscription discovered a few years ago which reads, "Alas! times are not what they used to be. Children do not obey their parents and everyone wants to write a book". Coming down to modern times Miss Parsons said her report of 1902 voiced the same requests that come to us to-day: "for up-to-date literature and news of our missionaries," and then, as now, she referred them to our magazine for the latest information, assuring them at the same time "That the Publications Department functions entirely for the help and inspiration of the members, old and young.''

Turning to the literature which had been brought out, Miss Parsons mentioned the pageant to complete the Mission Band study book on India and British Guiana; the Prayer Card; Order of Service for Auxiliaries and Bands, and the leaflets, ''In A Garden,'' and ''Stewardship''. Announcement was also made of the new study books for 1929-30, which are being prepared: ''Love's Candles'', for Mission Bands; ''Lands of Promise'', for Teen-age girls; ''Couriers of the King'', for Auxiliaries; also a Thank-offering leaflet. With words of warm appreciation of the work and loyalty of her Provincial Literature Secretaries throughout the years, the official report ended. It was Miss Parsons' last message as Secretary-Treasurer of Publications.



Miss Jessie Parsons

Barely had the final word been spoken when the unexpected happened. Laying a restraining hand upon the ''Best loved Secretary in the whole Society'' and placing her arm about her, the President referred to Miss Parsons deeply regretted resignation and paid heartfelt tribute to what she had meant to her personally, and asked the Recording Secretary to read the Resolution which sought to express in a faint way what the Council Executive and the Society at large feels towards their Publications Secretary.

THE RESOLUTION

''The Council Executive having received Miss Parsons' resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of Publications, and her earnest request that she be relieved as soon as arrangements for a successor could be made, accepted the resignation with profound regret, and only because no other course was open to them.

Be it therefore resolved: Whereas for thirty years Miss Parsons has been a member of the Executive and for twenty-seven of these years its Secretary-Treasurer of Publications, we desire to place on record our deep appreciation of Miss Parsons' unparalleled devotion to the Society's interests,

Under her administration the Department has increased from the day of small things to one of far reaching influence and importance. No one could have magnified her office as has she.

Missionaries from the outposts, officers and members in every department of the Society's work, have come to her as their friend

> in matters great and small. Her unhurried, kindly consideration for all who sought her advice, her wise counsel, her lovely charity to all, have won for her a unique place in the affections of the members of the Society, and all who have been associated with her in the conduct of the department.
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> Whatever vicissitudes may have beset the Church or Society, Miss Parsons has remained the calm advisor and friend of women of all shades of opinion. No one will be so missed from her accustomed place, but we venture to prophesy that she will still be sought out for many a day, even though she drop the name of Secretary of Publications.
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> We would offer our gratitude to Almighty God that for so long our Society has been blessed and influenced by such a gracious and devoted servant of Christ, and pray His abiding grace and love for her as she remains in our midst as a member of the Council Executive.''

The President, in the name of a number of Miss Parsons' friends, then presented her with a purse of gold. Thus did our beloved Secretary pass out of office, loved, honored, and remembered.

Of Miss Parsons' reply, so expressive of appreciation of this love gift of her friends, of her gratitude to God for the opportunity for service in such a splendid organization, and the joy the memory of the hour would bring in years to come, we dare not trust ourselves to speak, nor yet of what her withdrawal means to your Editor who, for fifteen years, has been privileged to have her as a co-worker and friend.

NATIONAL MISSION WORK

Hospitals

MRS. POOLE prefaced her report by drawing attention to a typographical error in her printed report from Canora, which states that the percentage of deaths from operations was only 74 per cent. This should read decimal 74 per cent (.74 per cent) a very different thing. Continuing she stated that both Canora and Vegreville Hospitals show a large increase in the number of patients admitted during 1928. At Vegreville, they had 158 more than the year before, and at Canora 133 more. The Secretary feels that the excellent work done is due to the untiring efforts of our Superintendents.

At Canora, the work was so heavy that two ward helpers had to be employed. Both these girls are foreigners, formerly maids in the Hospital. One is a Ukrainian, the other a Roumanian. They are doing excellent work and are very popular with the patients. They speak English fluently and can speak and interpret any of the Slav dialects. All expenses for maintenance, repairs, and salaries of the help at Canora, is paid by the hospital. The only expense to our Society is the salaries of the Superintendent and the five nurses. The interest of the community in the Hospital is shown by the numerous gifts received from different organizations. The Hospital Aid presented an electric mangle and had it installed. The ''Eastern Star'' chapter is putting in bed lights in the private and semi-private rooms. The Senior C.G.I.T. girls of all the Churches, presented a beautiful bassinette to the nursery, and the Ladies' Home Club donated $25 for something for the wards.

The ''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital, at Vegreville, is longing for a new building. It is a sixteen-bed hospital, but nearly always has twenty patients in, besides the babies. Notwithstanding this crowded condition, they do a splendid work that is much appreciated by the community. The Hospital Aid offered to put in an x-ray machine, but unfortunately there was no possible space for it. They have also put new curtains throughout the entire hospital, and assisted the Superintendent with the mending. The new furnace has kept the hospital comfortable, even during the two weeks when the thermometer hovered around 40 to 56 degrees below zero.

Mrs. Poole cited an interesting case of the birth, in December, of a baby boy whose mother had been the first baby born in the R.M.B. Hospital. That baby was born in the same room as his mother had been born in twenty-two years ago. This family have been supporters of the Hospital all these years. Miss Macpherson thought it fitting that this baby should have a gift from the W.M.S., so she gave him a woollen outfit from one of the bales.

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Miss Pringle told briefly of our ten bed hospital in South Porcupine, Ont., which cares for sick or injured miners, women and little children. It also proves of great assistance to the resident physicians who avail themselves of its privileges. Patients representing sixteen nationalities were treated during 1928. Many of them could not speak English. This is a difficulty for both doctors and nurses, but, notwithstanding this handicap, their treatment of the patients has proved successful in the majority of cases.

The presence of Miss Olive Ross, Superintendent of Fort McMurray Hospital, added greatly to the interest of the Council and with a note of joy in her voice, Miss Pringle introduced Miss Ross to the members and asked her to tell of her work in far distant McMurray.

Miss Olive Ross, Fort McMurray.

WHAT I would like to say to you to-day is like a song without words, the thoughts are in my heart but I cannot find language in which to express them. Owing to the fact that I am in a place you can scarcely see on the map, you will expect to hear some thrilling stories. I wish I could tell you about meeting a big bear or timber wolves on some of my walks, but I am sorry to disappoint you in this. True, not long ago I saw a huge bear skin, so large it looked like a black cow hide, and the skins of six timber wolves which a man had captured about fifty miles down the river. The bear had been trapped but was so strong and huge he was able to climb a tree, trap and all, and the man discovered him and shot him and then had quite a time removing the trap. After seeing the results of his capture, you may be sure I was very glad I did not meet those animals.

Fort McMurray, just three hundred and four miles from Edmonton, is a very pretty place, being within five minutes walking distance of three rivers. It consists of one straight street. Most of the buildings are on one side—the shady side—and every other one is a store. Most of the population are in business while the remainder depend on chopping wood in the winter, trapping, and, as soon as the advent of spring, they start boat building or go down the river and do odd jobs as a means of livelihood. The women and children are left behind until the father and provider returns in the fall, and, on more than one occasion, I have had instructions from a loving brother in one case, and two husbands in another, to please look after their dear ones should they fall ill during their absence, which shows we have won the confidence of the people. Not only that, I have heard several say, ''it is so nice to know there is a nurse near, for we have often wondered what we should do if we were taken ill.'' One week waiting for the train is a long time to wait if it were necessary for the patient to go out to the city, so we have saved many taking that long rough ride, but sometimes they leave the journey too late and have had most unfortunate happenings before they got to their journey's end.

The hospital was originally the amusement hall. It is built of beautifully hewn logs chinked with mud and plastered with lime. It has been partitioned off into three rooms and a kitchen.

Most of the roads in winter are made by dog teams, and are just a path, so walking is very bad. Salt and tar sands are the chief industries, but they were forced to close down owing to inadequate railway facilities. Fort McMurray is noted for its vast forests of timber, principally poplar, fir and birch. Fishing also keeps many employed and about 125 tons of fish are shipped out weekly.

We are able to grow necessary vegetables, but our poor flowers are often visited by the early frosts and we feel quite lonely when we see the blossoms blighted before we have been able to enjoy them very long. Owing to so much sunlight and long evenings vegetation is rapid.

With regard to my nursing, perhaps a few figures will give some idea of what I have been doing the last three years.

	In Hospital	Adults Out	Babies	Visits Made
In 1926 I had	8	50	12	426
In 1927 I had	5	46	5	231
In 1928 I had	5	23	6	187

During the last two years we have not had nearly so many Indians come to the village. This is accounted for by the fact that fur has been very scarce owing to the long cold winter and consequently they have had less money to spend. One can do much for them and win their love by kindness, but from experience, I fancy they resent discipline. I have had half a dozen or so in hospital as patients, but after a few days one could detect a certain restlessness and anxiety to go out, not because of any hard and fast rules, for I let them have as much liberty as I dare, but just because they were not free to come and go as they pleased. They all left with much gratitude in their hearts, stating through an interpreter how kind I had been, and I believe they feel that they too have a friend to whom they can always come. They love their little babies and keep them scrupulously clean, despite the fact that their layette is at times made from flour sacks. These have in more cases than one been replaced by the beautiful flannelette layettes made by so many of the Mission Bands under the directions of some of the noble and wonderful mothers. Indian women are good washers, and while they have not many home comforts or much of this world's goods their houses are scrupulously clean. It seems to me, too, they have the right system of living—they work hard in the summer, laboring ceaselessly with huge washings and tanning skins from moose captured in winter, they keep their little children clean,—then like the trees and plants, they rest in the winter, sitting down quite reposeful doing their beautiful beadwork, trusting seemingly, that they will be provided for. We can learn many lessons from these quiet and harmless people.

At the close of her address, Miss Ross presented the President with a beaded bag; the work of these people.

Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess

MRS. McMULLEN expressed appreciation of the service rendered by voluntary workers and the helpful criticisms she had received. Samples of the new literature for use in this department were displayed. These are available at the Publications Office. Emphasis was laid on the importance of reporting removals. Miss Rose Paton, a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, has been appointed to assist Mr. Zeidman in Scott Institute. Miss Barlow, on furlough from British Guiana, has been visiting the families of returned Presbyterian soldiers whose children will be accommodated in the ''Camp of the Burning Bush'' near Grimsby, which is in charge of Mr. Zeidman. Miss

Bernath, a student deaconess, is assisting Miss Macarthur at Quebec. Miss Bernath speaks English, Hungarian, German, Czechoslovakian and Bohemian, and in port and hospital has won a place.

Miss Macarthur, Quebec

MISS MACARTHUR took her audience on an imaginary trip to Quebec to meet a steamer arriving from Scotland. She showed us the fine immigration building with offices, Red Cross nursery—such an attractive place—with little tables and chairs and a particularly fine nursery directress; the small hospital; the desk where Miss Scott, our immigration and port worker sits. Then we watched the people disembark, saw our workers taking the children to the nursery, the mothers for a cup of tea, or directing to the rest room a group of girls wearing red, white, or blue ribbons, indicating the province to which they were bound. Families with blue badges, bearing the letters ''B.S.S.''—the British Settlement Society —were also cared for. Then the workers went through the train with gifts of soap, wash cloths, scrap books, needle cases, rubber lined travelling bags —all gifts from our young people. The train having gone, the worker returns to her desk and in no time His Majesty's mail carries to the different Secretaries word of the arrival of these newcomers. The wise Secretary will see that they are welcomed immediately.

School Homes

DURING 1928 there were 112 children in the 6 School Homes. Outside of the ''flu'' epidemic, there has been little sickness and only one case of infectious disease. The Secretary, Miss Lang, named in quick succession the different Homes in operation and the added equipment they require—Vegreville, Alta., (2 homes); New Liskeard, Ont.; Huntingdon, Que.; Prince Albert and Saskatoon, Sask. Miss Lang feels we need not mourn the closing of the Hull Home. The location is unsuitable. The work may be revived in more desirable surroundings. Some of the pupils from New Liskeard have to go to the Normal School in North Bay and there is a request that we establish a School Home there. Great satisfaction was expressed at the high standing taken by our pupils, and well-merited praise was given to our six splendid Superintendents who by precept and example are preparing the boys and girls under their care for Christian leadership.

Indian Residential Schools

MRS. McKERROLL referred to the splendid Auxiliaries and the Mission Bands in our Indian Schools and paid tribute to the fine work done in Birtle by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Currie; in Mistawasis by Miss McQueen, and in ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Menzies.

High praise was given to the officials of the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, and the local Indian Agents for their help.

The outstanding event of the year has been the erection of the new residential school near Kenora, which has been built by the Government and will be officially opened in the autumn. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Byers are in charge of the new school.

The Government is diligently prosecuting a search for a desirable site for the new school at Birtle. Mrs. H. B. Currie, described as ''one of the heroines of this work'' gave an excellent paper on the Indian work.

Mrs. H. B. Currie, Birtle

WE cannot enter into sympathetic and helpful relations with the Indian until we look upon him as a human being.

Our Churches and the Indian Department, working together, take the Indian children before they have felt the influence of their environment and place them in our Christian schools, where they are fitted to face an altered Indian world. All are not classed as successful but the leaven is at work. A glance over some of our big reserves will astonish those who are not acquainted with what is being done. From the Government report of 1928, holdings by Indians of farm live stock were : horses 36,172; milch cows 9,194; other cattle 34,490; sheep 3,204; swine 9,704; hens and chickens 108,918; turkeys 7,715; geese 5,196; ducks 7,788.

Our W.M.S. is doing much to solve the problem. The rapid change in farming methods is due largely to the growing number of young graduates from our Indian Schools who are putting into practive the improved methods of farming taught in our schools. Whether working on a large or small scale they are guided by a farm instructor provided by the Government, whose duty it is to arrange all farming operations. By this system they are prevented from making blunders. It also prevents unscrupulous men from selling useless articles to these unsuspecting people. The Government is his guardian and all monies for grain or stock is controlled by the Indian Department, but any money earned outside farming operations is his own to spend as he wishes.

Their mode of living is gradually changing and they are conforming to the ''square hole'' which many of us expect them to fill in the near future. Many Indians are still pagans and have a deep regard for their old traditions. The key to the situation is in the hands of our boys and girls trained in our schools.

Our schools, which were originally built by the Church, and maintained out of missionary funds have, for many years been given a per capita grant by the Dominion Government. Now the Government builds the schools. Before Church Union the Presbyterian Church had seven of these

Indian schools, but only two have been left to us. These two were the oldest ones. However, a fine new school has been built at Kenora to replace the old "Cecilia Jeffrey". Birtle has been promised a new school. Our present building is not safe and is very hard to work in. Imagine what it means to bath ninety boys and girls in two old bath tubs and carry every drop of water from the kitchen and basement while at the same time meals for one hundred persons have to be cooked on these same stoves.

The principal and staff of our schools are selected by our W.M.S. This gives the Church the opportunity of choosing suitable persons in sympathy with missionary effort. A great many examples of the splendid results of missionary work can be found among our present generation of young Indian men and women.

Orientals in Canada

Chinese in Canada

TIME brings changes, and in no department are these more evident than in the work among the Chinese in Canada. Due largely to our stringent immigration law few, if any, Chinese are at present entering the Dominion, so the work must be more and more among the young people growing up here. The Secretary, Mrs. Hanna, appealed to the Auxiliary members to take an interest in the lonely Chinese women who live in the smaller places. The language of kindness and a smile is always understood.

An advance step has been the establishing of literature bureaus where suitable Chinese literature is available and advice given as to its distribution. The bureau in Toronto is in charge of Miss Agnes Dickson, 60 St. Mary Street, the one in Montreal is under the care of Miss Ethel Reid, 1084 Drummond Street. In Saskatchewan, Mrs. W. Martin, of Regina, a voluntary worker among the Chinese for twenty years, is sending primary Sunday School cards in Chinese to all the women who have children. An evidence of the responsiveness of the Chinese is that three of our workers are Chinese, and this autumn, two of our Canadian Chinese girls expect to attend the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home to prepare themselves to go to China as workers among their own people. One is to take up medicine at Toronto University, the other music and kindergarten. The seed sowing of the years is bearing fruit.

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Miss Davies, of Brockville, who has voluntarily served the Chinese for many years, told how the gospel seed was sown in the heart of a Chinese man, Feng Sien, in 1894, and so impressed were the workers with his good qualities that they became, from then on, friends of the

Chinese people. In order that the seed may continue to be sown Miss Davies craved the privilege of interesting the different W.M.S. Auxiliaries in her beloved friends—the Chinese.

Miss Agnes Dickson, Toronto

MISS DICKSON told of the Chinese Primary Department held in Cooke's Church, and of the kindergarten for children of pre-school age, which meets in the Y.M.C.I., both important features of work in Toronto. To give point to her appeal to the members to show kindness to these people in a strange land, Miss Dickson instanced the case of a little Chinese mother and four children, a newcomer, whom she went to visit. Her boy was dying and her heart was torn with sorrow and loneliness, and it was given to ''the woman from the Jesus House'' as they called Miss Dickson, to comfort the sorrowing mother. As a result this woman has since become a Christian. Miss Dickson asked the members to pray that she may have infinite tact and wisdom and that Christ may literally speak through her to these people to whom He has sent her to minister.

Miss Hattie Jue, Montreal

I COME to bring you greetings from the Chinese boys and girls of our school in Montreal.

Miss Hattie Jue

I came through this gate from far away China when a little girl. My parents had come some years before. My father had become a Christian in this land and when he returned to visit his old home my grandmother and the other members of our family learned of Christ through him, for of course he told them of the Saviour. There are now in our village in China and in other villages nearby, churches and Christian schools, built by men like my father who found Christ in the land to which they had emigrated.

Here in Canada, in the past when many Chinese were coming through the gate into this land, the Presbyterian Church was foremost in opening Sunday Schools for the teaching of English to the Chinese and great good resulted from this work. Many of those pupils became Christians and are witnessing for Christ either here or in China.

Now I am sorry to say no Chinese are coming through this gate but we hope that this will soon be changed.

In the meantime there are many Chinese boys and girls born in Canada, growing up in our midst. They learn English just as you do but they are anxious too to learn to read and write the Chinese language as well. So our school in Montreal for little Chinese children meets that need. It is supported by the Women's Missionary Society, and Miss Reid and I are the teachers. We have about 25 children in attendance. Several of them are very small but they love to come, and while at first there must be more play than work, they soon want to have lessons with the others. Best of all they are learning about the Lord Jesus Christ who loves all little children and we want them to give their hearts to Him.

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK

Formosa

FIVE missionaries on furlough from Formosa have been in Toronto during the past three weeks, the Misses Senior, Kinney and Connell, and Dr. and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor, and Mrs. Calvin, the Secretary, shared with her hearers some of the interesting things they had told her.

The Girls' School, begun as a primary school, now offers a four years' course in high school work, which is what the modern young Formosan girls from the government primary schools want and expect to get. Though behind the government schools in equipment, only a little extra work in mathematics and science is needed to enable the graduates of the Girls' School to enter the University of Tokyo. Three have already done so, but for the majority of the girls a more generally practical course is better. Miss Kinney says that the well-nourished condition of some sixty "grand-children" of the school whom she visited on a recent tour, spoke volumes for the value of the lessons in hygiene, sanitation and cooking given in the school. Mrs. Hugh MacMillan has been using her nurse's training in giving health talks in the school. She also talked to groups of village women along the same lines, opening the way for a Bible woman to follow with the gospel message.

Mr. Ando, a former Japanese teacher, has rejoined the staff of the Girls' School because he likes the ideals in our school better than those in the Government Schools. There is still need of a Christian university woman graduate with real gifts for teaching and administration, to be placed at the head of the School.

Nor must I forget to speak of the music teacher so badly needed for our work. Miss Connell says that about sixty of the eighty or so girls in the school study music—chiefly piano and organ. Music lessons have a strong attraction for the girls and they make good use later of what they learn. Instrumental music is well taught by Chinese teachers, but the whole teaching of singing has devolved upon Mrs. Gauld, and her furlough is due next year. There is a wonderful opportunity in North Formosa for a fully qualified teacher of music. Mrs. Gauld also ''mothers'' the young missionaries, acts on committees of the Mission Council and is the confidant and warm friend of many native Christians.

The pupils in the Women's School vary greatly in age, attainments and ambitions. A woman of over forty is now in the School hoping to learn enough of the gospel to be sent as a Bible woman to her own people. She belonged to one of the savage tribes, but became a Christian after marrying a Chinese and learning his dialect. Her expenses are being borne by that rather wonderful sister Society—the Formosan W.M.S. Miss Burdick is managing this School with the help of a Chinese teacher.

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Referring to our missionaries by name, Mrs. Calvin said: ''It would seem that our W.M.S. missionaries in Formosa are touching all phases of work for women and children, and that surely is why we sent them across the sea, away from their homes and friends. Do we remember to follow them often enough with our prayers, with friendly newsy letters which need no answer ,with books and little extra comforts?''

Miss Senior—Formosa

IN the fall of 1924 Dr. Gushue-Taylor with his wife, who is also a trained nurse, Dr. Flora Gauld, Miss Gretta Gauld and myself, all went to Formosa to reopen the Mackay Memorial Hospital, which had been closed for nearly six years for lack of workers. Miss Elliot was then on the field but it was not until 1925 that the hospital was opened, for the white ants had done so much damage the hospital had to be almost rebuilt. We had on the staff then two doctors and four nurses, and on the native staff, one doctor and six native nurses. Three of these native nurses were graduates of the High School, Tamsui. Our aim is to have all our nurses High School graduates, but I am sorry to say we are not able to live up to that standard. In the city of Taihoku there are many hospitals run by the Japanese, well equipped, beautiful buildings with qualified doctors. The fact that the Japanese are in possession of Formosa creates certain difficulties for we have to report to the Japanese government all that we do, any change that we make, or may wish to make.

Our work is entirely among the Chinese and we must learn Chinese. Not knowing Japanese is sometimes a drawback, for when we report to the government we have to do so through an interpreter. Then Japanese officials come any time to inspect hospitals.

One great difficulty is that our girls do not want to take the three years' course. They must get married. Marriages are arranged for them, and although they sign an agreement to stay three years, this is often broken through no fault of the girl herself. Our biggest difficulty is that we require our nurses to be High School graduates, but how can you expect a High School graduate to come and train when you have no standing to offer her at the end of three years? Our hope is that we may be able to give our nurses an obstetrical course which will be recognized by the Japanese Government. If this can be done there are great opportunities ahead of our girls.

As I came across Canada I was much impressed by its size and beautiful homes. In Formosa the houses are crowded together, many have no windows, just iron bars and little slots to let in the light. In some homes there is no light at all except when the door is opened, they have to work by the light of candles or electric light of very weak power.

There is a great opportunity waiting for our nurses if we can teach them to be home builders, teach them hygiene, to be clean, healthy and happy. Our nurses are all Christians although all do not come from Christian homes. We want to make it possible for these girls to help their own people and to bring health and happiness into the homes of Formosa.

Manchuria and South China

IN the regretted absence of the Secretary, Miss Gowans, Miss Crockett, missionary elect to Manchuria, took her place as special speaker.

Miss Luella Crockett, Our Missionary to Manchuria

"GOD in His great goodness has given me the privilege of returning to China, the land which I have learned to love. I go back because I know that we have a message for these people which they need. Millions are going into the great northern provinces from the provinces to the south. They have been driven from their homes and native land because of the war and that which follows in the train of warfare. Among them are men, women and children, old and young, most of them clad in rags, some going on foot, some in ox-carts, others by train, leaving behind their ancestral temples, their gods and tablets—all they hold most dear. Many become separated en route, perhaps never to meet again. As they go, leaving their own religion and gods behind them,

Miss Luella I. Crockett

their hearts are open to the new truth as never in the past. They realize that their gods are not sufficient in their time of distress and in their sorrow and suffering they are turning to our God to see if they can find that which will meet their needs. And because we know that we have in Christ Jesus that which will satisfy them, I am going back to this great land of China and to Manchuria.

I am grateful for the privilege of being associated with Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, who have done such wonderful work, and with Miss Graham and Miss Kok, who are serving so splendidly among the women and children. I feel we have an opportunity there that we have not had in the past history of our Church. The barriers are down. The doors are wide open. We have but to go in and possess the land for Jesus.

India

THE needs of our fields in India formed the burden of the message sent by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, which was read by Miss MacMurchy in the regretted absence of the Secretary. This year, the new Jobat bungalow, the Children's Nursing Home, at Amkhut, and a new bungalow for W.M.S. missionaries at Jhansi are being cared for by the estimates. A little five months old motherless baby will be the first Christian baby for the new Nursing Home. The baby is now being cared for by two Christian foster mothers in Toran Mall. Helpful as these buildings will be, the workers realize the necessity for still further expansion and so submit three urgent needs for consideration when the 1930 estimates are being prepared.

Placed first is another girls' hostel in Jhansi to accommodate the second teacher whom we hope to send, and the girls who now wish to attend and cannot because there is no room. To erect a building in keeping with those already there, will cost about $8,000. The second is a small W.M.S. bungalow at Toran Mall on property which Miss Robson holds. The authorities encourage this being put up and the missionaries all feel that the work could be of a more definite and permanent nature if something more lasting and less perishable than grass houses could be erected. This bungalow would cost about $3,000. Third is a Training Home for nurses in connection with Miss McConnell's work at the Jobat hospital, where native girls could live in Christian surroundings and under the supervision of the missionaries while being trained to help in the hospital. This could be erected for some $1,700. A total expenditure of about $12,000 would provide this permanent and necessary equipment for our missionaries and enable them to carry on the work unhampered.

Mrs. Buchanan

MRS. BUCHANAN brought the Council a message of deep spiritual interest, and a vision of the greatness of the work we could accomplish if as individual members and as a Church our lives were filled and controlled by the Spirit of God.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara—India

IT is a wonderful privilege to be here, and as I heard the messages from missionary after missionary I felt there is not a single problem in any foreign country that we have not in India. When you have been and are a missionary you just want to go to the very hardest place to work. If I were young enough I would love to go back to India, but that is not my place; my day is done. I believe there is something God wants me to do here and I want to do it until He calls me home. Eastern people are very responsive and sympathetic. If we have right leaders and are right leaders and follow so close to Christ that we walk in His steps we can do great things, this Society can do great things, our Church can do great things, but we cannot do abroad what we are not doing at home.

British Guiana

BRITISH GUIANA, the smallest and possibly the least known of our mission fields was effectively pictured by the Secretary, Mrs. Rice. With swift touches she showed us the 125,000 East Indians resident there. The majority live in poverty, the women and children who are our especial care, are ignorant and superstitious but very lovable. Our answer to the appeal for more workers will determine whether we want the East Indian boys and girls of British Guiana to form a Christian Church or be Hindus or Mohammedans.

Miss Mary Murray, a graduate of McGill University, is doing a fine piece of work as Principal of the Girls' High School. Invaluable service is also being rendered at the Girls' Training Home where girls from the country are taught to be home makers and given a public school education. While Miss Barlow, the Superintendent, is taking a post-graduate course in Toronto to fit herself better for her work, Miss Dallas, who was sent out by the Eastern Division, is taking charge. When the contemplated new training home is completed there will be a call for more teachers for both institutions. The need for evangelists is ever present.

Miss Barlow—British Guiana

BRITISH Guiana has a population of 300,00 and of these, 125,000 are East Indians. It is among these East Indians that the Presbyterian Church in Canada works. These people were brought from

India to work on the plantations and they are settled all over the colony. We try to place high ideals before them and teach them a better way of living.

Their houses are made chiefly of mud, and what little furniture they have is home made. They have no water so when they want to wash their clothes they take them to the trough where they are beaten against a tree with a bat.

Education is sadly neglected, especially among the girls. The parents' excuse is, ''We must have one of the children at home when we go into the rice plantations.'' It is easier to get boys than girls to attend school.

The houses in British Guiana are set on pillars twelve to fourteen feet off the ground. This makes them much cooler and healthier, and is necessary because the coast line is so low.

The Girls' High School is in New Amsterdam, and housed in the same building is the Girls' Training Home. Girls enter this home at the age of twelve. Some know very little, but before they leave they can cut out and make their own clothes, launder, cook and sew. But the greatest thing of all is we are teaching them of Christ. We hope that very soon we will have a home for these girls separate from the Girls' High School.

In British Guiana we are in a Christian land and yet we have India with her customs, Mohammedan priests, temples and mosques. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has done a great work among the East Indians, but there is still much to do, especially among the women and children. We need women workers to visit the people in their homes and we do hope that soon more missionaries will be sent to British Guiana.

Japan

SPECIAL attention was drawn by the Secretary, Mrs. Martin, to the 1928 report with its record of our first year of really constructive work among the Koreans in Japan. The policy of the W.M.S. in this field will be that of direct evangelism and kindergarten work. Miss Jean C. MacLean, our first appointee, went to Japan last September and has been assiduously studying the Korean language, first at Seoul, Korea, now in Kobe, where she is gathering the nucleus for her kindergarten. Assisting in the work here are two Korean Bible women.

The many and varied philanthropies of Miss Caroline Macdonald, that wonderful missionary of international goodwill, received well merited praise. The work of the Night School for Factory Girls, to which our W.M.S. gives an annual grant of $2,000 was of particular interest.

BUSINESS

Meetings of Council.—It was agreed "That the Council meeting be held Biennially instead of Annually," and "that in alternate years Council Executive meet with addition of one additional member from each Province." It was further agreed that the Biennial meetings begin in 1931.

Honorary Membership.—Notice of motion having been given for any rewording of the definition of "Honorary Membership" which would be more acceptable to the membership and make the meaning clearer, and this having been referred to Council Executive, the Council Executive recommend "That this clause be left unchanged." The Council upheld this decision.

Mission Band Life Membership.—Annual Report, p. 208 article xxix, "Notice of Motion is hereby given that the word 'consecutive' be eliminated and that the article be so framed that four payments of $5.00 each before the age of twenty-one be sufficient to procure Life Membership (After the $5.00 Junior Membership has been paid.)"

Provincial Expense Fund.—It was agreed "That the Provincial Executive has the right to increase the Provincial allocation sent down from Council by the amount necessary for Provincial expenses and from that total send out to its Presbyterials, allocations."

Welcome and Welfare.—Discussion on sending names of newcomers direct to Auxiliary Welcome and Welfare Secretaries was lengthy but no motion was presented. It was agreed, however, that wherever possible names should be forwarded direct to the Auxiliary Welcome and Welfare Secretaries. In towns and cities where there are several churches the port worker is to be furnished by the Presbyterials with the name of **one person** in each centre who will be responsible for the distribution of the names.

Budget for 1930.—At the suggestion of the Treasurer the Council accepted a budget of $185,000 for 1930, and agreed that, in future, our budget be prepared a year in advance as is done by the Assembly of the Church.

Deaconess-at-Large.—The request of Mrs. Horne for a deaconess-at-large for a certain district in Regina was promised the sympathetic consideration of Council Executive.

Addition to By-laws.—Specially note the following additions to the By-laws which were endorsed by the Council.

Council—Student Secretary. To replace by-law XV, Annual Report, (1927), page 213.

Provincial—Student Secretary. Addition to by-laws, page 214, Annual Report. Provincials were asked to take no action in connection with this matter until the Council Executive has been able to make a study of same and draw up a general policy covering the activities of Student Secretaries.

Provincial Secretaries' Annual Reports. Addition to paragraph XXV, page 221, Annual Report: Annual ......, March 1st .

Attendance.—99 out of a possible 104 delegates were in attendance. Every Province sent its full quota: Alberta 9; British Columbia 10; Manitoba 9; Ontario 30; Quebec 8; Saskatchewan 9; Council Executive 24. In addition there were 25 speakers and missionaries, making a grand total of 124.

Greetings to Missionaries.—The President was asked to send the greetings of Council to all our national and overseas missionaries.

Council Meeting for 1931.—An invitation was received to hold the Council Meeting in Kingston in 1931.

Officers.—The officers of the Council Executive for 1929-30 will be found on the inside page of this issue of *The Glad Tidings.*

Prayer

O GOD our heavenly Father, to Whom we can come with our joys, as well as with our sorrows and our difficulties, we would come into Thy Presence with songs of thanksgiving welling up from the depths of our hearts for all Thy loving care of our Church and our Missionary Society through the days of difficulty and readjustment. We would thank Thee especially at this time for all the uplift of our Council meeting; for its record of work done for Thee; for its presentation of work still to be done; for the inspiration of its hopeful outlook and earnest resolve; for its messages of cheer from veteran workers; for the high courage of those whose journey of service is just beginning; for the joy of meeting old friends and companions in service, and for new friends added to our company of kindred spirits; for the beauty and comfort of our place of meeting; and for the gracious hospitality extended to all who gathered during these memorable days to consider the things pertaining to the Kingdom. For all these things our Father, our hearts are filled with a gratitude our lips are utterly unable to express. Wilt Thou, dear Father, Who knowest all our frailty, all our failings, enable us to carry from those days of mountain-top experience such measure of the glow, the inspiration, the steadfast devotion as will make it possible for us to walk along the level ways of every day, unfaltering, unafraid and in unbroken endeavor to do Thy will and serve Thee as we ought. We pray that throughout this year strength and guidance may be ever with each one carrying official responsibility in places of leadership, and may every member be found faithful even in the little things of this great service to which she has volunteered allegiance. May we, our Father, move forward together in response to Thy call, giving whole-hearted, open-handed abounding service, that Thy Kingdom may come and Thy will be done. Cleanse our hearts from sin and selfishness and accept of us in and through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Open Doors

THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN BUCHANAN, M.D., D.D.

GIVE us a missionary for every 25,000 Bhils and we will be satisfied, was the plea made by Dr. Buchanan, Moderator of the General Assembly, at the evening meeting. Dr. Buchanan told the members that there was a wide open door to missions to-day. In Canada, there are wonderful opportunities in the west among the new Canadians, and there was work awaiting in the east. In the overseas fields the door into Manchuria had been miraculously opened, and Dr. Goforth had been led of God to take up work there. In India, Dr. Wilkie had served to the utmost, first in Indore, then in Jhansi. ''God never gives work to any man, woman or Church in whom He has not confidence.'' As a Church let us not fail Him.

Turning to India and the work among the Bhils, Dr. Buchanan, with the understanding that comes from long experience, told of this hardy, lovable race. The Bhils live in the Vindhya and Satpura mountains in Central India. They are not Hindus or Mohammedans, but belong to the Kol race. They are small farmers and have been notorious looters. They are called demon worshippers, but when we use the term ''worship'' we find it very misleading. The worship that Christians give embodies adoration of the whole heart because of what God is in His holiness, righteousness and justice. It conveys to us the thought of intense love, as we consider our Lord and Saviour going about continually doing good on earth and finally giving His life a ransom upon the cross of Calvary. But when we say the Bhil worships demons we must realize that there is an entirely different meaning to the word ''worship.'' There is no adoration, or devotion or love in the Christian sense of drawing near and wishing to have fellowship. The contrary is the case, they want rather to bribe these demons who are evil and whom they realize to be doing them evil, to keep away and let them alone.

An incident which encouraged me during my first two months' work among the Bhils. We were putting up our first building. The young Bhil men were doing the work. When the walls were up a couple of feet Capt. Holmes came for a shoot in the Amkhut Jungle. All the Bhils, including our young men were taken for the beat. Driving through the dense part of the jungle one of my Bhils, a lad of eighteen, suddenly disturbed a wild boar who came out with a furious dash and Kolu who was in the way got his leg ripped with its tusk. I was told about it and when I went over to attend to Kolu, I found him sitting on his crude ox-cart, and he had a very nasty wound. Having just gone into this jungle, I did not have any instruments, but I had my old pocket case, and with some disinfectants I set to work. Kolu sat and held his leg. Eight stitches had to be put in, and the needle was not very good.

When I got to about the third—this young fellow had not twitched his leg or uttered a sound of any kind—I said to myself I wonder what kind of people these Bhils are, they don't seem to have any pain. I glanced up and found beads of perspiration standing out on his forehead and hands, and I said to myself, they feel just the same as we do but they have grit. And whatever good I did to Kolu that day, he did a great service to me for I felt that if God had sent me to labor among a people of such heroic stuff, all that was necessary was to get them filled with the word of God and His Divine Spirit and we would have heroic preachers that would fear no difficulty. That spirit we have found during the years to be very manifest among our young preachers who have often had to preach even with the knowledge and threat that they would be shot by a bow and arrow if they persisted, and still they have persisted.

In Toran Mall, the Jerusalem of the Bhils, Miss Robson and Miss Williamson are conducting Teacher Training and Bible classes this year, which are bound to tell in our work in the Bhil communities around. Toran Mall is a fine hill site in the Satpura mountains surrounded by a wild class of Bhils; it is sixty miles south of Amkhut over the Nerbudda River. Practically every hot season we have had a Summer School of Bible and other study. Ordinarily we take up sixty or seventy young people from Amkhut. This year for the first time, we have been able to start a school in Toran Mall itself for those of that district. It is a small beginning, with only seven children—watch it grow! Toran Mall is bound to become more and more the educational centre for Bhil work.

Miss Robson has done wonderful work among the young Bhils, both boys and girls. The Amkhut school goes up to the sixth standard. After passing the sixth standard eighteen of our young people have had to be sent elsewhere. One of the boys in a class of eleven, competing with Brahmins and other high class students, and the teachers being non-Christian, showed the mettle that is in the Bhils by coming out first in his class. Three are to matriculate this year.

For the first fifteen years Mrs. Buchanan and I worked practically alone. Then Miss Robson joined, and now we have a splendid body of young missionaries: Mr. and Mrs. Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McDonald, Dr. and Mrs. Draper, (Dr. and Mrs. Howie who are on their way), and the Misses Williamson, Maxwell and McConnell.

Looking at what has been done with so small a mission force, we believe that fifty missionaries sent during the next five years will win five Bhil nations to Christ. Where formerly we had not a single Christian, now we have a goodly number of Bhil teachers, preachers and students ready to help win this mountain people to Christ. It is the day of God's visitation for the Bhil land. Seditionists, Hindus and Mohammedans are openly plotting to divide these non-caste Bhil people between them to take them into the Hindu and Mohammedan systems. To wait till then would make the evangelization of the country infinitely harder. This is the day of God's visitation for the Bhil land—let us expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.

Miss McConnell, trained nurse, is already doing splendid work, and as a result of her ministrations to the Rani at Chhota Udepur, she has left the door ajar. If we had a qualified woman doctor the door might be pushed wide open for the advancement of the mission cause.

We want more missionaries—fifteen men and their wives. Let us go to work and take possession in the name of Christ. If the whole Church is seized with the need we will do this work. God never opens a door without showing the way to enter. (Abridged).

The Work of Our Church in Canada

(Abridged)

Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D.,

I NEED say no word about your fifteen departments of work at home and abroad. They are all familiar to you and dear to you and peculiarly your work, but they are also a part of the work of the Church and a very important part too. But before and beyond your membership in the W.M.S. you recognize yourselves as members of the Church and with all its members, responsible for the work under her care. Thus you in your W.M.S. and we of the General Board are partners, not rivals, gladly co-operating in our common task.

Of the work of the Church as a whole, let me say that we have never had more encouraging reports than at the recent meeting of our General Board.

Think, for example, what it means that our Chaplain at St. John reports the coming of 14,000 people with a larger percentage of Presbyterians than in any past year of his service, and that the Chaplain at Montreal met 389 trains and 250 passenger ships, gave service to thousands of strangers in a strange land, officiated at ten funerals and ten baptisms, and found homes and work for scores and scores. Such kindnesses at the port of entry, which were repeated by our Chaplain in Winnipeg, will surely never be forgotten.

Think of our Missionary Van, which in co-operation with the Sunday School Board, we have maintained a few years in Northern Saskatchewan, establishing some 30 Sunday Schools, carrying on ''Sunday School by Mail'' with nearly 800 children, securing scores of names for the cradle roll, and introducing regular Bible study into hundreds of homes that are beyond the opportunity of public worship. A second van is planned for Southern Saskatchewan, and a worker in British Columbia as soon as possible.

Who can reckon the mercy and the blessing of the Redemptive Home in Sydney and in Toronto, sheltering through the year some scores of unmarried mothers, returning many to their own parents, and placing and counselling and re-establishing others on the path of purity and life?

Think of the Neighborhood House in Hamilton, with 390 enrolled from 24 nationalities in 14 clubs and organizations under 35 volunteer and 3 paid workers, with a daily vacation school of 200, with fresh air camps and clinic, an average monthly attendance of 3,500. The mothers' meeting with 54 members has an average attendance of 54, the one bright spot in lives that are otherwise drab and dreary.

The work in the Neighborhood House is duplicated in Tyndal House, Montreal, bringing light and cheer and hope to underprivileged boys and girls and their parents. No one can reckon the influence thus exerted for good citizenship and the turning of many lives to higher and better things.

We have comparatively little work among our native Indian population, but where your Board is working in the different Reserves, we are providing the missionaries in charge.

We have one minister at work among our French fellow-Canadians, Rev. E. A. Rivard, in Hull. He ministers also to scattered families or groups in the neighborhood.

Last year a Welsh Calvinistic congregation was received into the Presbytery of Montreal.

Our work among the New Canadians embraces many nationalities. We have the Italian work in Montreal with three Sunday Schools and three preaching services, and we contribute $500 a year for an Independent Italian Mission in Hamilton.

We have among the 75,000 Hungarians, seven congregations and three missions. The Hungarians come from the second largest Presbyterian Church of the world with 4,000,000 communicants. A condition of church membership is knowledge of our Westminster Shorter Catechism.

We are informed that there are 500,000 Ukrainians in Canada, 100,000 in Ontario. Our missionary reports that 65 per cent of them are non-Church going. We have now a second minister in Ontario, the United Church has one, and the Baptist one and the Roman Catholics three. For many years the Rev. E. A. Glowa has been working among his countrymen in Edmonton and the district about, but in view of their numbers and their need, what are these few among so many?

The work of the Jewish Mission at the Scott Institute in Toronto under the Rev. Morris Zeideman is being carried on and with encouraging success. What with a dozen or more clubs, Sunday Schools, and mothers' meetings, open air preaching and fresh air camps, clinics and what not, our missionary is making a real contribution to the work of winning his fellow countrymen to a knowledge of their true Prince, the Messiah of their hope, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Work among the Chinese was begun in Victoria 40 years ago and is carried on now by 18 workers, 7 of them Chinese. Some 20 Presbyterian congregations have Chinese classes. There are, in all, 55,700 Chinese in Canada (only 5 entered last year). There are 6,000 children, 48,000 men, and only some 1,300 women.

Our Superintendent, Rev. D. A. Smith, tells of a new developemnt in the work, *viz.*, the training of young men and women of their own nationality for Christian work in their midst. We have David Lee, now studying medicine at Shanghai, partly supported by the Chinese class in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor. Two young women are ready to train, one for medicine, the other for music and kindergarten. Three high school lads, two for the ministry and one for educational work, are offering themselves. Thus the seed rice cast upon the waters returns a satisfying harvest after many days.

Work among the Scandinavians is being carried on under Rev. J. J. Peterson with Vancouver as headquarters. He reports the coming of 10,000 of his countrymen every year. They are engaged in mining and lumbering and so far as Vancouver is concerned are a procession rather than a congregation. In Alberni and near New Westminster, efforts are being made to organize congregations and carry forward work among their families. A recent canvass in one district discovered three hundred children of Sunday School age.

Then in addition to these forms of service there is the whole wide field of what we ordinarily think of as our Home Mission Field, from coast to coast, among Minority Groups and new settlements or old who desire the Ministry of the Word according to our Presbyterian faith. We appointed more than 200 students to this work last spring. Nearly 650 of the 1300 congregations of the Church are aid receiving. In many cases their numbers are few but their hearts are warm and true and their hands generous in support of the work.

Think of a congregation having student service for four months and giving on an average $54 for support. Or of a widow on a dairy farm driving the cream three miles to the factory, giving $336 to missions and $330 to local support. Or a group like that at Biggar, where there had never been a Presbyterian congregation uniting and building a church at a cost of $18,000 opened by the Moderator last fall, a membership of 135 contributing to the point of self support. Surely the spirit thus revealed is of the finest, and deserves the best the Church can give.

The Rev. Finlay McIntosh, Synodical Missionary in the Maritimes, says; what is true of all the Synods: ''The field is large; the work is complex; the situation is serious; the opportunities are great; the doors are wide open; the need is urgent and the challenge tremendous. It is a real land of promise, and the question is this: How much are you willing to do battle to make it yours? I want to say it needs battle to make it ours. It needs careful organization. It needs strong consolidation. It needs real co-operation. It needs unity of laborers. It needs division of labor. It needs consecration to the cause. It needs endless hard work, and above all prayer and intercession to Almighty God that He will enable us to go up at once and possess it.''

The Maritime Synod was left in 1925, with barely a score of ministers. It has now seventy-five, but there are in addition ten self-supporting congregations and twenty-five augmented congregations without ministers. They have built or bought back fifty-one churches at a cost of half a million dollars.

The Rev. Allan Reid, Synodical Missionary for Montreal and Ottawa has an equally inspiring and sobering report to give. Within that Synod a special Building Fund of about $160,000 has been raised to aid weak groups in building 20 fine churches, but here too the cry is for ordained men, 26 being still needed to man their pulpits.

The cry for ordained men comes from coast to coast. Wonderful developments are going on in Northern Quebec, Northern Ontario, Northern Manitoba, Northern Saskatchewan, Northern Alberta and throughout British Columbia. The General Board was eager to send into these districts six ordained men on a two-years' appointment with all expenses guaranteed,—pioneer missionaries to meet and to greet our own people as they come, but we have searched the Church for months, and have not yet found the men. It is hard and lonely work, but when one recalls our pioneer missionaries of an earlier day in all of our provinces, surely we cannot believe that the spirit of sacrifice and heroism is dead. We must bestir ourselves to find the men and send them forward to this work. May I say that fine as is the service you have rendered the Church in the past, you could do nothing finer than constitute yourselves a Canadidates' Committee, not for your Society only, but for the whole Church.

In your Auxiliaries you are touching many thousands of our finest homes. There must be in them now the future ministers and missionaries, teachers and evangelists, doctors and nurses. Plead with your Auxiliaries to keep this great need of the Churches in the forefront. Even as we can never hope to send enough missionaries to the foreign field to win and man them,—there must be raised up from among themselves those who will carry the torch afield and evangelize their land,—so we can never hope to secure from abroad ministers for our Church. They must be home-grown, our own native born and they must be found and encouraged and trained. It is the great need of our Church to-day.

Synodical missionary after Synodical missionary says: ''Give us men and you will soon see the Church growing. Our one need is men. Give us men and the money will come and buildings will come and the Budget will come and the Kingdom will come and the Lord and Master of us all will rejoice in souls being saved.''

OVERSEAS WORK

Of our Foreign Work, I do not venture any details. Dr. Buchanan our Moderator, by his two score years of eminent service has won the proud right of speaking of that work as he has already done with such effectiveness to-night. Had we with us someone who could in like fashion present the work in British Guiana, Formosa, South China, Manchuria, in Japan among the Koreans and in Gwalior, we would realize more clearly that our Church is worthily represented by a noble band of men and women who through life and teaching are making known to others in their need the glad news of salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Do you recall this word from the Book of Proverbs ''Him that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse.'' The proverb is a memory from the time of famine when the supplies of corn in the hands of the great mass of the people had been exhausted, but here and there is some man whose granary is still full. and whose knowledge and experience teach him that ere another harvest can be reached, almost any price can be had. Every day he withholds his supply, his fortune grows. Why should the people do anything else but curse him? Say what we will about a man's right to do with his own what he will, it is only by a long process of reasoning that a man can convince himself and by no process of reasoning can he convince his fellows that the individual's rights are greater than the community's, and therefore he that selfishly withholds his corn and still more, he that withholds life and truth and moral passion and right ambitions and worthy ideals and faith that uplifts, which his fellows need, shall go under a curse, sometimes of men, always of God.

But can anything be truer than this: ''A rich people without religion is doomed,'' and ''an honored place in history cannot be assured by mere material progress.'' ''It is righteousness that exalts a people.''

"Somehow we must get back to God." Unless our ideals keep pace with our powers, there is no hope for us as individuals, or as a Church or a nation. Not what we have but what we are, not what we get but what we give, not rights but duties, bravely faced,—these surely are the marks of worth and greatness, and likeness to Him "who came not to be ministered unto but to minister." —M.C.G.F.

PLEASE NOTICE

The Council Executive will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday morning, September 10, at 10 o'clock, in the Board Room of Knox College.

Auxiliaries are asked to base their September programmes on this issue. *Girls and Leaders* are referred to Miss Sinclair's and Miss Gray's addresses; *Mission Bands to* Miss Jue's message and Mrs. Dill's report.

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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

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Editorial

WE announce with great pleasure that our three new study books are ready for use.

LOVE'S CANDLES, and what prettier title could have been chosen for the Mission Band book? is from the pen of three lovers of little children—Mrs. J. W. Dill, Mrs. A. R. Riddell, and Miss J. Florence Lang. It is a companion book to ''Light Bearers'' which was issued last year, both being based on ''The Royal Road.''

LANDS OF PROMISE, for teen-age girls, is by Leeta McCully Cherry. Mrs. Cherry is not a stranger to us, her charming story in ''Our Children's Hour'' and the ''Patriotic and Missionary Pageant'' have both been widely used.

COURIERS OF THE KING, also by the same gifted pen, is the title of the Auxiliary book, and the title exactly describes the contents.

We bespeak for these three study books the welcome they deserve.

Before speaking of the Annual Report—our biggest book—we would like to introduce to you Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne, the newly appointed Secretary of Publications. Her first message will be found in this issue and each month she will have something interesting to tell us about books and their use. We know our readers will come to look forward to these reviews, and other helpful suggestions which she may make.

THE ANNUAL REPORT with its pretty blue cover and 224 pages of facts and figures should prove most valuable for reference. This year the name and address of the Welcome and Welfare Secretary have been added to that of the President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. This has meant additional pages, but we are assured that the publication of these names will be invaluable in locating newcomers and our own people who move from place to place.

The allocation is as follows: 3 to each Auxiliary and Young Women's Auxiliary; 1 to each Associate Society; 1 for the use of the different C.G.I.T. Groups in each Church; 1 for each Mission Band. Copies are also sent to the officers of the Council Executive, Provincial and Presbyterial Boards, to all our missionaries, and to the ministers of our Church. We hope the officers will circulate their copies amongst the members and devote at least one meeting to its study.

IT GIVES US MUCH PLEASURE to acknowledge the receipt of the following reports: The Canadian School of Missions; Church of Scotland—Woman's Association for Foreign Missions, and Woman's Association for Jewish Missions; Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union of Victoria, Australia; Woman's Missionary Association Presbyterian Church, New South Wales; Federation of Women's Foreign Mission Boards of North America and the Council of Women for Home Missions.

NEW MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE LEFT for overseas fields include:

Under the W.M.S. (W.D.), *to Manchuria*—Miss Luella I. Crockett, on the *Mishima Maru*, September 4th. Under the W.M.S. (E.D.), *to Japan*—Miss Ethel G. MacDonald, on the *Empress of France*, August 29th.

Missionaries of the Church—*to Formosa*—Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Graham, on the *Empress of France*, August 29th. *India*—Bhil Field—Dr. and Mrs. John Howie, on the *Duchess of Athol*, August 21st; Gwalior—Rev. A. A. Lowther, on the *Duchess of Bedford*, August 28th.

As we read this list of names we are reminded of the many opportunities given our members of meeting these missionaries and wishing them God-speed. Our part now is to fulfil our promise to remember them "when we pray and when we have prayed."

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The British Columbia Provincial, always so kind to incoming and outgoing missionaries, was hostess with the Synod at a delightful and largely attended reception for Dr. and Mrs. Graham and Miss Ethel MacDonald. The Provincial was also hostess at a lunch for Mrs. Graham and Miss MacDonald, and our Canadian girl workers in Vancouver—Misses Douglas, Moodie, Jamieson, Crawford and Jenkinson. Flowers in their staterooms and gifts for the two Graham boys added that "something more" that makes leaving home a little easier.

WITH MANCHURIA AS HER DESTINATION, Miss Luella I. Crockett set sail from Victoria, B.C., on September 4th. On her arrival she will go direct to the Language School at Pekin to learn the Mandarin language as the Cantonese which she acquired for her work in South China is not spoken in Manchuria. Miss Crockett is a Nova Scotian, having been born in White Hill, N.S., and educated in New Glasgow and Pictou. She is also a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto. Her career in Church work has been unusual and interesting. Three years were spent in Newfoundland teaching in a Presbyterian School there. When the war depleted the ranks of men for our mission fields in Canada, Miss Crockett was one of the Deaconesses sent out by the Church to the west, and for six months she ministered to the people at Fur Creek, Man. In 1919, she went to South China as an evangelist under the Western Division of the W.M.S. The illness of her father necessitated an extended furlough. On his death she again offered for service and accepted the appointment to Manchuria. Her knowledge of Cantonese made her a very valuable worker while in Canada. In May Miss Crockett attended the Provincial meetings in Alberta and Saskatchewan and also visited the Chinese women and children in these provinces. Speaking of this trip at the Council Meeting she said:

"I visited forty Chinese women in their homes and their friends, within the last two months, and I would like to assure you that they appreciate the interest taken in them by the Church and especially did they speak of the visits of Miss Reid and Miss Dickson, some years ago. Mrs. Martin, of Regina, is doing a splendid work amongst them. She knows practically every one. Each week she sends out literature and also remembers them at Christmas and other seasons with cards and gifts. The Chinese women look upon her as their friend.

I also visited the men in the restaurants and laundries. There are so many lonely Chinese men and women in these isolated places. In one place I went to see a laundryman. More than twenty years ago he joined the Presbyterian Church in Pilot Mound, Man. He had travelled from one small town to another, and had gone to Church, but was not always cordially received, so he drifted away from the Church altogether. He said he still read his Bible but did not go to Church. I spoke to the minister and he and his wife will take a friendly interest in this man. It is just as important that we go to these people right at our doors with the message of sympathy and love, as it is to send missionaries to them, because according to our treatment of them will be their impression of us and our religion. When they go back opposed to Christianity the work of the missionary is infinitely harder. I found that so in South China. Will you remember especially those of us who are returning to China, Formosa, India, and Manchuria where the doors are wide open and the opportunities are so great."

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for our missionaries are already being discussed, so it is not too early to warn the thoughtless to get off their parcels in good time. Last year those intended for one Indian school did not arrive until after Christmas. Members would be wise before sending gifts overseas to find out what is dutiable and the amount of duty the missionaries will have to pay, and either send sufficient to cover that expense or the equivalent of the gift—money. It hardly seems fair to have the missionaries, out of their slender salary, pay the duty on all their Christmas gifts.

IT HAS BEEN AGREED that the Press Secretaries be asked not to include in their notes presentations of Life, Honorary or Junior Members. These names come through the Life Membership Secretaries, and go under the

Life Membership heading. With an over supply of material and limited space we cannot have the same information appear twice.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS—Miss Kathleen McNeill, of Toronto, daughter of the Treasurer of our Church, and Miss C. Tate, of North Bay, nurses to the Presbyterian Hospital, South Porcupine; Miss Elizabeth M. Geddes, of Port Elgin, assistant Superintendent of the Girls' School Home, Saskatoon, in place of Miss Anna Brell, who has resigned to get married.

EXTRA COPIES of the September *Glad Tidings* are available. It is eight pages larger than any issue yet printed and gives a complete account of the Council Meeting. Send 10c. and the address to which it is to go, and it will be posted from the office.

Coulter-Sinclair.—At Knox Church, Harriston, Ont., on August **14th**, by Rev. J. D. Cunningham, D.D., Annie Edith Sinclair, to the Rev. Harry Michael Coulter, Neepawa, Man.

The members of the W.M.S. unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Coulter every joy and blessing.

Hearing the Call, They Go

BY MYRA HEWSON MCINTIRE

Hearing the call, they go
To unknown lands far off across the seas,
And leave behind them home and friends and ease,
To hold aloft the torch, that men may know
The Light of Love that brightens every woe.

Hearing the call, they go
Where stretch the weary miles of desert sands,
Where gleam the minarets of Moslem lands,
Where rolls the turbid Ganges on its way,
And muezzins call at dawn for men to pray.

Hearing the call, they go
Where Buddha sits enshrined with folded arms,
Where want and famine stalk 'mid war's alarms;
To men whose heritage is want and strife
They bear the tidings of abundant life.

Hearing the call, they go
Though long the road, though hard and rough the way.
And we, secure at home, our part to pray
That God may keep them in His tender care.
To pray, to give—this surely is our share.

—Women and Missions.

Farewells to Miss Luella I. Crockett Missionary to Manchuria

A VERY interesting meeting was held in the vestry of First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, Nova Scotia, one evening in August, the occasion being a farewell to Miss Luella Crockett, who is leaving shortly to continue her work in the foreign mission fields of Manchuria. Dr. J. B. MacLean, of Huntingdon, Que., presided and spoke words of encouragement and commendation to Miss Crockett.

Dr. Robert Johnston, Ottawa, then delivered an eloquent missionary address, after which Miss Crockett was presented with a beautiful steamer rug, accompanied by the following address:

Dear Miss Crockett:

> We approach you on this occasion with mingled emotions of sadness and pleasure. We sorrow that we shall miss you from our Society and community. We shall miss your help, your interesting talks and your smiling face. But we rejoice with you that the wish of your heart is being fulfilled, in that you are to return to your first love, the mission field. We rejoice that one of our number has heard the call ''Whom shall I send, and who will go for Me,'' and that you have answered gladly, saying: ''Here am I, send me—send me.'' We shall follow you with interest in all your doings, your trials (and may they be few) and your successes—may they be many and abound more and more.
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> You will see many wonderful things, sad things, and glad things, and meet many friends; but we hope you may ever keep a warm corner in your heart for your friends of this congregation, and just to make that sure we, the members of the Hopewell, Lorne and Elgin Auxiliaries of First Presbyterian Church are asking you to accept this steamer rug. It may not literally keep your heart warm, but when the ''North winds do blow'' roll up in it, and dream of us, and be assured we are following you with our best wishes and earnest prayers that all that is best in life may be your portion, and that an abundant entrance may be granted you to that home beyond the River. God bless you and be with you till we meet again.

Miss Crockett expressed her thanks in well-chosen words, after which pleasing remarks were made by Judge Crockett, Mrs. J. W. MacDonald, Mrs. Robert Johnston and Mrs. Chase, who voiced the sentiments of all present when they wished Miss Crockett health, success and God's blessing in this noble undertaking.

Before Miss Crockett left Toronto, the members of the Executive had the opportunity of saying farewell and Godspeed to her at a tea at the home of Miss A. Gowans, the Secretary for China. In Vancouver and Victoria the Provincial ladies also proved gracious hostesses and the stateroom with its wealth of bloom taught Miss Crockett that even farewells can be happy when said with flowers.

Opening Work at Chengchiatun

ROSALIND GOFORTH

I AM quite sure you dear "Holders of the ropes" for us in this great field will be interested to hear of the opening up of evangelistic work in quite a new centre. This city of Chengchiatun has a population of about 60,000 and is the county town of a district of about 260,000. It is in a most strategic position in our field, being about a third of the way on the main line of rail to Taonanfu and also is the junction of the railway running to Tungliao where Miss Graham is.

No foreign missionaries have ever lived here and except for a few Christians of the Irish Mission the place is virgin soil for the gospel. It is three months since Dr. Goforth succeeded in renting most suitable premises here which had to have a good deal done to them. As soon as the place was ready Dr. Goforth and I came up here for three weeks of intensive evangelism to give the work a good start before going on our summer vacation.

The men are preached to in the fine hall facing on the street but the women and girls come back to where my Bible women and I have a room with helpful texts, etc., put up. Here quite a large number of women have been coming each day. We have to just "take them on the fly" for they know nothing of going by the clock. Oh, dear friends, words fail to express the joy of being permitted to be with my dear husband again in this breaking ground for others to follow! There is really no work to be compared with it. How I wish all of you could have seen the faces of a bench full of young girls in their teens while I talked to them yesterday of how my mother had taught me to pray and to love Jesus and what He has been to me ever since. I had at last to ask them to come again to-day for a group of women came trooping in. But while the young seem to grasp the blessed message of God's love in Christ very quickly it is most sad to see many of the old women go away seemingly with little in their minds but that we are "preaching good words." Again there are those who do seem to feel the great importance of what we have come to bring them. Some women come again and again and for this we are always very thankful. As we seek to bring the truth of our Saviour's love home to these darkened hearts we realize the truth of those words "Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Truly in such a work as this we can, apart from Christ, do nothing. For this reason we do ask your earnest prayers for us missionaries and also for our Chinese co-workers that all may have that divine power which is absolutely necessary before souls can be brought to Christ.

Miss Kok would have been with us here at this time but she is engaged in most important work in opening another new centre some distance from Szepingkai. She hopes to come here with her Bible women as soon as possible after we leave.

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

Miss Dorothy N. Jenkinson

LIVINGSTONE CHURCH, once a flourishing congregation, is now a mission charge. There has not been a regular minister there this year and the numbers have become sadly depleted. We have a small Sunday School, and two adults, women, make up the congregation. Catherine Moodie helped in the Sunday School and each Sabbath conducted a service of worship after Sunday School for the women.

At the suggestion of Dr. Douglas, I have made a more or less intensive canvass of the district with the result that we hope to hold a service there on Sunday, August 18th, with an ordained minister in charge of it. The service will be held in the afternoon so that our ministers may be free to volunteer their services until definite arrangements may be made. I asked at the Young People's Executive last evening for volunteers to play the organ and also to help with the singing for the next five or six weeks. We are having the organ repaired and the women are cleaning the church, so that as far as possible all things will be in order for divine service. One difficulty here, as at Broadview Mission, is that there is more than a mile to walk from the car line to the Church, over country roads, and of course the houses are very scattered. I always have to depend on outside help for whatever I need in my services, and most people who volunteer to help have not cars.

The Story of the Service

To say—it rained—in British Columbia on Sunday August 18th may sound very unimportant indeed, but it rained a real rain! Imagine my consternation, after weeks of good weather, to waken in the middle of the night to hear rain! By morning it had developed into a storm and it was my first service at Livingstone! I borrowed a rain coat and went out to the kirk in the morning. I was wet above my knees long before I reached the church but some way my spirits refused to dampen. As I walked along that long stretch of road between the car line and the church the first verse of the hymn ''God Moves in a Mysterious Way

His Wonders to Perform'' came to me, in fact, it was so insistent that I sang it as I went along, there was nobody to be disturbed.

On my arrival at the field I found the one and only member of the kirk, fearfully depressed, but when I told her how I felt and repeated the verse of the hymn, she too said, ''ah yes!''

Three o'clock came. Dr. Douglas, who was preaching, was already in the pulpit, the organist from Dr. MacBeth's Church, who had oh, so kindly come to help me, was at the organ, Mr. and Mrs. Ledingham and Mrs. Cuthbert, who had come to assist me with the singing, as my people were not familiar with the old hymns, (many you see had not been in Church for years) were in the choir seats but, my congregation, alas! there were about ten. I was in the Church lobby waiting to welcome the folk, and because I had gotten so desperately wet in the morning I was wearing a pair of men's shoes (the only ones available) sadly the worse for wear, and feeling very conscious of my feet and just beginning to feel a little disappointed when lo! from up the road, and down the road, I began to spy umbrellas. It rained very hard but by 3.10 p.m. there were about forty-eight in the building, and it was good just to stand in the lobby of the kirk and hear the hymns and the prayers and the sermon where for so long on the Sabbath there had been nothing. I was very tired, very happy and more grateful than I have words to describe, that I was permitted to witness the first service of reunion in Livingstone Church, B.C.

Our Summer School at Toran Mall

GEORGE SINGH, B.A.

WE had scarcely taken a short nap, sound sleep was impossible for our minds were full of the adventurous journey to Toran Mall, when a voice from the boys' room came, ''Get up, get up, the moon has risen!'' We arose, like an army taken by surprise. For a short time there was confusion. The boys were searching for their bundles and water pots. At last we started on our journey. It had been decided that the boys would form the advance guard, the girls, the main body, and the married couples, with their babes, the rear guard. Thus arranged, our whole company reached Alirajpur, our first stage, on foot, in bullock carts and in the motor. Here we spent a whole day as we had to buy many things necessary for our journey.

Next morning, before daybreak, Miss Williamson started with a batch of little boys in the Ford, for Walpore, the second stage of the journey. At five o'clock, the boys, girls and men started in bullock carts. The women and babies were taken in the motor in relays and thus we all reached Walpore safely, where we slept. Early in the morning of the next day we started for Kakrana. The bullock carts were the only available conveyance, as there was no good road for the motor. The boys and men had to travel on foot and the rest in the carts. By noon we all reached Kakrana. We prepared our food and rested for some hours. Here we had to dispense with the carts as from here on the journey had to be made through a mountainous region where there is no road. Through the good management of Miss Robson, we got sixty men from the Alirajpur Durbar to take the place of the carts and carry our bundles and babes. In the cool of the evening we crossed the Narbudda river near a ford and slept in the bed of a tributary of the Narbudda, near the confluence. At five a.m. next day we broke our camp and marched towards Toran Mall. There is no regular road and so we had to follow the foot path which runs along the Jharkal, a river which has its source in Toran Mall. After much trudging we reached Phalai, a village at the foot of Toran Mall. Here we stopped for the night near a rivulet. This place is said to be infested with wild beasts of every variety and the rivulet is their favorite drinking spot, as for miles around there is no water available. Here we lighted a big fire to frighten away the beasts. We had a very pleasant time. The girls and boys sang songs and gave yells. We needed much fun, amusement, and sound, invigorating rest for before us lay a very arduous journey—the climb up Toran Mall. Next morning, when it was still dark, we began the ascent. The foot path ran zigzag, which enabled us to see the rear line of our happy company. Those who had gone ahead kept shouting back to encourage the tired ones. Slowly we marched forward and conquered the heights of the invincible peak.

Dusty and footsore we sat down to wait for the straggling ones. The journey as a whole was very pleasant and edifying. We had much for which to thank God, for, in spite of the innumerable and inevitable perplexities and hardships, we sustained no loss of life, neither did we suffer any injury.

As long as we were away from Toran Mall we could not appreciate its scenic beauty and splendor, neither could we enjoy the cooling breezes of its plains, but the moment we had climbed up the mountain we enjoyed all the privileges of a sincere traveller.

We ascribe great credit for this successful journey to Miss Robson. She had carefully planned a suitable programme and secured all the possible means and resources of putting it into practice. The co-operation of all concerned ensured its success.

Our Summer School had three classes: first, the Teachers' Training Class; second, the English Classes; third, the Bible Class. The English classes were attended by the students of the fourth, fifth and sixth classes and were just a continuation of their regular English work. The Bible Class was attended by all.

The Teachers' Training Class was attended by seventeen students. Six were teachers of the school at Amkhut. They had attended this Training School last year also and had secured creditable marks in all the subjects taught. This year, they attended all the lectures with an enhanced desire to learn more about the "Scientific method of imparting education." Three were wives of the teachers. They took great interest in the class work and secured good marks. We can depend upon them at any time of emergency. They are our reserve force. The lectures on Domestic Science and Hygiene were greatly appreciated and assimilated by them. Nine were students in our final class in the Amkhut school. Five were girls and four boys. Though they are not going to start teaching at present, yet their attendance at the school did them much good. They know the meaning and aim of education and received many useful hints on study. They were also very diligent and attentive in their class work. We look to them as the pillars of our future congregation. They have great desires and high aspirations and we do hope that God will make them our Pauls, Peters, Moses, Joshuas and Gideons.

All Classes of the Summer School at Toran Mall

The lectures delivered during the course were as follows:—

Miss Robson gave a series of ten lectures on "The Principles of Education."

Viriyo Master, of our Amkhut staff, gave a series of ten lectures on "Primary Reading." He conducted a "Model" class and following the class gave a lecture on the methods used.

The writer gave a series of ten lectures on "How to Teach Geography to a Fourth Class."

Elizabeth bai, our nurse, gave a series of four lectures on Hygiene.

During the last week of the school we had a number of miscellaneous lectures. Daniel Master spoke on "The Teaching of History." John Master, who is our drill master, spoke on the "Value of Athletics and

Gymnastics in Schools.'' Miss Williamson spoke on ''Home Economics,'' and Tezlo Master brought the session to a close with a stirring address on ''Choosing a Profession.''

Our school was not one-sided. We had the practical side as well as the theoretical. Our motive was to know ''How to impart ideal education'' which may help man to develop his four-fold life, mental, religious, physical and spiritual. We tried to keep in mind throughout the course of the school the following principles:—

1. Jesus Christ is the greatest teacher and hence if we intend or aspire to be successful teachers, we should always try to follow His method.

2. Knowledge without Religion, is destructive and not constructive.

3. Sanitation is next to Sanctification, and hence we should pay equal attention to the Hygiene of both mind and body.

4. The true school is the mind and so it is necessary for a good teacher to furnish it with a library of faith, charity and hope.

The unique feature of our school was the humble desire to learn from one another. It was pleasant to note that we were both teachers and students. We knew that our knowledge was limited and so we felt the need of learning as much as we could.

The practical side of the school was equally beneficial. The students did practise teaching. Here they were able to put into use the methods taught. Outside of school hours practical work was still carried on. The boys and girls cooked their own food and helped in the making of huts for themselves and for Miss Robson.

The favorite motto of our school was ''Work and Play.'' The evenings were spent in playing games, walking, dancing native dances, and hunting crabs by torch light. These enlivened our days and eliminated to a great extent all our hardships and privations. We cultivated a solemn friendship with Toran Mall, as it made our days serene and our nature happy.

The evening Bible class was conducted by Tezlo Master, assisted by the other masters. By the help of the lantern slides this class was made very interesting and instructive. The pictures are an attraction for the non-Christian people and we had this opportunity of giving the Gospel message to some of them.

The following tentative Time Table was followed:—

7:00 to 8:00 a.m.	Morning devotions under the able guidance of Miss Robson. We studied the Sunday School lessons from the All-India Sunday School quarterly.
8:15 to 9:00 ''	English Classes. Demonstration teaching.
9:15 to 10:00 ''	Study of Methods and Principles of Education.
10:00 to 10:30 ''	Practice Lessons.

10:30 to 11:00 a.m.	Criticisms and suggestions.
11:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Rest and breakfast.
2:00 to 4:00 ‘‘	Vocational Period. Hut making and sewing.
4:00 to 7:30 ‘‘	Recreation and dinner.
7:30 to 9:30 ‘‘	Magic Lantern and Bible.

We began the day with the Holy Bible and ended with the Holy Bible. We lived, moved and had our being in the Holy Bible.

School was held in the spacious hall of the unfinished church building. Some of the families were also accommodated in the small side rooms as they had been driven out of their grass huts by the rain. The Sunday services were also held there. Our small congregation was conspicuous for its number of little children, who were brought every Sunday in obedience to the command of our Saviour: ‘‘Suffer the little children to come unto Me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.’’ We observed Sunday according to the commandment of God. It was a day of peace of mind and body. It cleared away the rust of the whole week and made us fit for the daily work and strengthened us to face the tactics of the devil. As long as we were on the mountain, like the three privileged disciples, we enjoyed the happy company of our Lord. Through His servants He spoke unto us and revealed His will.

The last days of the school were very busy ones as there were many things to be done before going down to the plains. First of all came the Test Examinations. They were held on the 13th and 14th of May. The results were announced on the 15th and they showed that the students had worked honestly and diligently.

One happy event which rescued us from the blighting botheration of examinations was a picnic held on the last Saturday of our stay, to which all the Christian people on the hill were invited. They, with our people, made quite a goodly company. We sat in rows near the bank of the lake in the dark and cool shade of the old mango trees. This happy company reminded us of the Five Thousand, as they were seated in rows and companies. Here we saw the East and West united and felt the fallacy of the saying: ‘‘East is East and West is West, Never the twain shall meet.’’ It is Christ alone who can and does unite all the nations into one international nation. The Christian Church needs an international vision, and must play a powerful part in international relationships. It is the paramount duty of the Christian Church to aim at linking up the Eastern and Western nations.

It was a very successful party. All sat in Oriental fashion and we enjoyed to our hearts’ content an abundant and wholesome feast. Nothing interfered with our enjoyment, not even the click of the camera when it caught us unawares. After this the girls joined hands and moving about in a happy circle sang sweet songs, celebrating the birthdays which had occurred during our stay on Toran Mall.

Sunday, May 12th, was the last Sabbath of our stay. We were gathered in a body for the last time, and at the close of the regular service all joined in singing the familiar parting hymn, ''God be with you till we meet again,'' and Tezlo Master offered prayer for our safe journey home to Amkhut.

Our Summer School is only two years old. As yet it is a mere delicate blade. But we firmly hope, ''and hope spiritualizes the world,'' that soon it shall grow into a veritable king of trees, ''so that the birds of the air may come and lodge in the branches thereof.''

Summer Schools, Camps and Conference

Knox College Summer School

KNOX College Summer School, July 8-15, was attended by 93 students from the Synods of Hamilton and London, Toronto and Kingston. Classes were held in Bible Study, Sabbath School methods, the work of our Church at home and abroad. Mrs. McKerroll ably presented the work of the W.M.S. to leaders of children, girls and young people. Miss Elise Barlow spoke, one morning, of her work in British Guiana, and another morning four deaconesses each spoke briefly of their work. Many churches should benefit from this year's Summer School and we hope that next year an even greater number of churches will be represented.

A Camp Council at Normandale

On July 18th, about 60 girls, 16 to 19 years of age, gathered from all parts of Ontario at Camp Normandale on Lake Erie. The girls were representative of groups from various types of Sunday Schools and from at least four denominations. In addition to the usual Bible study and interest groups, an hour or more each day was spent in discussing such subjects as: Finance in the Local Group and in the Province; the Place and Purpose of Councils and Conferences; What the Sunday Session Means to us, and how we can make it more helpful; What Should be our Relation to our Church, to the boys' group in our Sunday School, to the W.M.S.; Suggested projects for Groups; What C.G.I.T. is and Aims to do.

This was the third Ontario Camp Council. It corresponds, in some measure, to the Boys' Parliament and recommendations from it will go down to the groups.

Kitchikewana—A Leadership Camp—A Remarkable Communion

One does not wonder that Kitchikewana, the Indian god, having with his great hands scooped out Georgian Bay and thrown together rock and sand into islands for the Ojibway, chose Isle de Beausoleil for his dwelling place. Of course it is only a legend, but surely the Indians were not far from the truth when they said ''a god made Georgian Bay and chose this Island of Beautiful Sunshine on which to dwell''. It was an ideal place for a group of leaders of girls to come together and seek to gain fresh inspiration and information that will help them in the leadership of their groups next winter. Leadership camp, August 5 to 15, had a registration of one hundred leaders, six of whom were Presbyterian.

Every morning at about 9.30 a service of worship was conducted in the beautiful open air chapel. ''The Lord is in His Holy Temple'', was sung over and over until all were seated.

There were three study periods during the morning, but campers were advised not to take more than two units. The informal discussion group method was followed. There were several Bible study groups and courses were also given in Missionary Education, Recreational Leadership, Story Telling, Materials and Methods for Bible Study, and Organization of the C.G.I.T. Group, also a more advanced course on Leadership.

In the afternoon, Interest Groups in Poetry, Music, and Dramatization were available for those who wished to take part in them.

One of our most beloved campers was Taka Masuda, a Japanese girl, who has been at Whitby College for two years and has now returned to Japan, intending to work among girls. On two evenings Taka dressed in her native costume. The first evening was near the beginning when Miss Kaufmann, a Y.W.C.A. Secretary from Japan, spoke to us. The second occasion was on our World Friendship night. Following the brief service of worship, prepared by three members of the Missionary Education group, Miss Constance Young spoke about her school in Trinidad, and told of the Trinidad Girls in Training. ''Jesus Loves Me'' was sung in the Mandarin tongue, and in Cantonese. Then we were reminded of the world wide character of the Lord's Prayer, by hearing it in German, Polish, Japanese, and Cantonese, and singing it in English. At the end Taka spoke briefly of how much she had enjoyed her two years in Canada and ended with ''And now I want you to sing for me, because I love it so, 'O Canada'.''

It seemed fitting that on our closing night we should join in a Communion Service. A lantern on the pulpit, banked in front with leaves, lit up the white birch cross at the front of the chapel, and the moonlight shining through the tall trees and touching with its white beams the worshippers in this, His temple, spoke to us of the God who loves all beautiful things, moonlight, and trees, and babies, and girls growing into womanhood, the God whom we love and whom we are trying to help our girls to love.—*Winifred Yuill.*

Builders of Canada at Rockwood Camp

A unique idea for dividing the girls into groups rather than tribes was a feature of this camp, the groups taking the names of pioneers, settlers, voyagers, prospectors, traders, mariners, etc. The camp was held from August 5th-12th, was entirely Presbyterian and was attended by more than seventy girls.

Swimming, flagraising, study periods, interest groups, etc., made up the day's programme which finished with a big crackling bonfire around which jolly stunts were enacted, one of the most interesting being the Impressions of Camp. Each girl wrote her impressions, handed them to her leader who wove them into a story which was told on the last night, and the manuscripts were then put into the fire to imbue the future campers with the spirit of this year's group. Truly an impressive thought!

The camp was set in such intense beauty—the calm winding river, the massive rocks and the beautiful trees which whispered ''God is Love''—that many lasting impressions will go with the girls through the months to come, and the appreciation of all went out to Miss Mary Oliver of Galt who was the director of the camp.

This camp was promoted by Guelph Presbytery, and it is hoped the day will not be far distant when each Presbytery in Canada will see the need of a Girl's Camp and encourage the promotion of one in its district.—*Nellie Smith.*

Presbyterian Leaders Conference, Huntingdon

The second annual conference of Sunday School and missionary leaders for the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa was held in the Presbyterian Girls' School Home, Huntingdon, July 2nd to 8th, under the direction of Rev. A. S. Reid, D.D., Clerk of Synod. Representatives were present from five Presbyteries to the number of thirty-seven.

The devotional period every morning at 8.30 provided the proper atmosphere for the lectures which lasted from 8.45 till 12.30. These were conducted by Dr. J. B. MacLean, Dr. Kannawin, Dr. A. S. Reid, and Rev. J. D. Anderson. The lecturers, all specialists, could not have been more wisely selected.

Rev. A. R. Osborn, of Cornwall, gave two interesting lectures on the following subjects: (a) Theoretical—How to learn. How to secure attention. How to appeal to the eye in Bible teaching. How to win the scholar. (b) Practical, Teaching a lesson, *e.g.*, Offering up of Isaac, and the Good Samaritan, and hints on using the project method. Those who heard Mr. Osborn's lectures, could not fail to profit by them and determine to go home newly enthused for better work in more deeply studying and more clearly presenting the truth to their pupils.

Rev. Dr. Kannawin, Secretary of S.S. and Y.P.S., was the leader in Bible study. His course consisted of five lectures on The Essentials of the Christian Faith, dealing with the great doctrines of the Apostles' Creed.

Mrs. A. W. Pae, Vice-President of the Montreal Presbyterial and

Girls' Work Secretary, presented the mission work of our Church and at three morning hours and two evenings, gave lucid explanations of the lantern views of Formosa and India.

Miss Lois MacRae, Deaconess in St. Paul's Church, Toronto, gave two interesting talks, one on National missions, the other on the work of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

The recreation periods were under the efficient supervision of Miss Barbara Dougherty. On Friday afternoon the Athelstan Church picnic proved a very enjoyable diversion, as did also the Strawberry Festival held by the Y.W.A. of Huntingdon.

Wednesday evening Rev. A. M. Hill, D.D., of Verdun, gave an inspiring address on Some Factors of Character Building. He placed first in importance the home, then the school and the Church.

Rev. F. Scott MacKenzie, D.D., the new Principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, uttered a word of caution lest our Sunday Schools and Colleges neglect to train the young people in the history and doctrine of our Church. Our Church has a history and a creed well worth knowing and perpetuating, and our young people should be instructed in her history and well grounded in her doctrines. This being done, recruits for the ministry will be the more readily secured.

Friday evening, Rev. R. dePierro, pastor of the Italian Church, Montreal, told of the work our Church is doing among his compatriots, and gave some instructive information as to the history of Presbyteriansm as continued by the Italian Church of earlier times.

Rev. A. R. Osborn spoke of the loyalty of the Italians to Presbyterianism throughout the dark ages and of the contribution of theology the Presbyterian Church has made to the Christian thought of the world.

Much of the success of the Conference was due to Rev. A. S. and Mrs. Reid.

Sunday morning Dr. Kannawin preached in St. Andrew's Church, and in the evening Rev. Dr. MacLean closed the Conference with an eloquent call to the young people to continue the tradition of the Presbyterian Church and to extend the borders of the Kingdom.

Monday morning saw the dispersion of the delegates, each resolving to put into practice what she had learned, and to do all to make next year's conference larger and better known.—*(Miss) E. M. Doull.*

Presbyterian Camp, Keats Island, B.C.

''In July, on Keats Island, we held our first Presbyterian camp and it was very successful. Under the leadership of Ellen Douglas, I think our girls derived all the pleasure and study which any camp could give and I know the girls were sorry to leave and we were sorry to see them go. We stayed for the Y. P. Camp and Dr. Kannawin gave us many inspirational and interesting talks and suggestions.''—*Catherine Moodie.*

A Daily Vacation Bible School for Chinese in Toronto

Quite unique was the Vacational Bible School for the Chinese which was held in the Y.M.C.I., Toronto. Here for six weeks some forty children ranging in ages from four to sixteen gathered every day to sing and study. The tiny ones—such lovable little tots—met in a tent in the garden, the older ones in attractive class rooms. Miss Dickson and Miss F. Blair were our W.M.S. representatives in this delightful work.

The Camp of the Burning Bush

No more interesting camp could be imagined than the ''Camp of the Burning Bush'' at Grimsby. Here for eight weeks, under the care of Rev. Morris and Mrs. Zeidman, four different groups with more than sixty people, or two hundred and seventy-five in all, came to spend two happy weeks in this charming spot. The groups included Jewish children and the wives and children of returned Presbyterian soldiers. This is now a permanent camp, the two houses having been bought by our Church. The W.M.S. assisted with the furnishings, besides giving the usual grant, and the Presbyterian Young People of Toronto added a drinking fountain. All they need is a piano for their evening sing-songs. The children have very sweet voices and their singing in church is quite an attraction.

A Holiday Group at the "Camp of the Burning Bush"

Student Christian Movement Conference, Jasper, Alta.

Professor Adam, of the University of Alberta, represented the Presbyterian Church and Mrs. J. H. Harback, of Vulcan, the W.M.S., at the Student Christian Movement Conference at the Y.M.C.A. Camp, Jasper, Alta., in June. The Conference followed the usual lines—study groups in the forenoon, hikes in the afternoon, and addresses in the evening. The topics of study were ''The Reality of God'', ''What Can We Believe'' and ''Old Testament Religious Development''. Altogether it was a very helpful week for nearly seventy young people who gathered from the western universities.

Iona Beach Summer School

The 1929 Summer School at Iona Beach (Pumpkin Point) was the largest and in many ways the best of the four annual sessions held thus far. There were eighty-six full time and some thirty-five part time students, while for the evening and Sunday meetings more than four hundred attended.

In this splendidly isolated trysting place in the northern wilds of Algoma, with its spacious athletic fields, its far spread sugar maple forest and its peaceful shore lines along Lake George, and all under a typically blue sky, and in ideal weather, young and old—all young for the time—met as one big family in worship, in study, in social intercourse and healthful recreation for one week.

The twenty tents and dining room accommodation were taxed to their utmost and scores reported much benefit from their sojourn under such favorable circumstances.

Rev. R. G. Mackay, of Walkerton, and Rev. R. B. Armstrong, of Durham, gave most interesting and inspiring daily lectures in Bible and mission study, respectively, Miss Hyslop, of Orillia, led the senior girls in their special departmental work, while the Misses Muriel and Doris Winchester, of Toronto, and Miss Jessie Wright, of Weston, took charge of the junior school.

The student missionaries were guests of the school and gave valuable assistance and several family groups from Old Ontario favored the school with their presence. All mission fields and regular charges within the Presbytery were well represented.

Of the results it is difficult to make an estimate and quite impossible for those not in attendance. Suffice it to say that as the years pass a larger and more interested membership is registered, a finer spirit is manifested and an impression left on individual lives which words cannot express. It would appear that the resident ministers with their committee of faithful and interested laymen and young people felt amply repaid for their labors of love in this important department of Church life and work.—*Rev. W. M. MacKay.*

Suggestions for Those Serving in Administrative Capacity

Clippings Forwarded by Florence Quinlan, Executive Secretary of the Council of Women for Home Missions

Controlling Those Nerves

''Nerves'' have been properly defined as a bad mental habit of letting emotions take the place of reason.

Nervousness is wasted energy—calmness is the rarest quality in human nature, Emerson speaks of the energy of repose. You have seen men who looked powerful even when relaxed.

Some of the causes of increased irritability are:

1. The egotism and superiority complex.
2. Inability to adjust to changing conditions.
3. The worry habit.
4. The hurry habit.

If one is subject to ''nerves'' some suggestions may be of assistance:

1. Be sure your body is in proper condition. There is usually physical basis for ''nerves.'' Have your doctor look you over and give you advice.

2. Have a hobby—a hobby if properly pursued will give you hours of profit and keep your mind off yourself.

3. Remember that anger, *grouches* and strains on the patience cause changes in the body secretions and produce deleterious results.

4. Life is a series of radiations. If you radiate calmness and courtesy, most people will reflect them back to you; if you talk savagely, such a procedure will be met in kind.

5. Most of our lives are spent in trying to influence others in some way. Can one expect to control others, if he cannot control himself?

—Dr. C. O. Sappington, in ''The Safe Worker,'' published by National Safety Council.

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Ten Tested Rules of Executives

I am resolved:

1. To remember that this my task is God's work more than mine, and that He is more interested in it than I am.

2. To keep silent about my own feelings, experiences and opinions. Much talking about these things weakens one's position.

3. To hold steady under a strain. Nothing is as bad as it looks. An orderly plan and a definite goal may clear away much confusion.

4. To hear both sides and take counsel before deciding large matters. Every man has something to teach me.

5. To leave important decisions until morning. God will meanwhile take a hand if I hold off a little.

6. To treat every man as my equal. Those who feel themselves below me will respond with new values; and those who seem above me are also timid.

7. To believe that every man intends to play fair. Better be imposed upon occasionally than suspicious all the time.

8. To give to my associates not orders, but responsibilities, and credit for results obtained.

9. To remember that no case is hopeless, and to give to every man who fails at least three trials under varying conditions. It may be a matter of finding his place.

10. Having done all things, to decide and having decided, not to change without good reason.

—George S. Miller, in the "Christian Advocate."

A Glimpse of Twenty-five Years Work of The Canadian Bible Society

THE 24th annual report of the Canadian Bible Society tells of the wonderful growth and development of their work since its organization on September 14, 1904. Many experiences are related by the colporteurs who labor throughout our Dominion carrying with willing feet gospels and portions of gospels to members of every nationality, creed, color and race.

In 1908 the circulation of scriptures was 132,633 and in 1928 it was 506,897. In 1908 the revenue for Bible Society work was $105,204.50 as contrasted with $364,410.32 in 1928.

The following are a few extracts from the printed report:

"The Bible Society pursues its course in peace and war, and Canada has proved a fruitful field for its labors. Slowly a sense of unity in Bible Society work has been evolved, and in spite of distance, and perhaps different ideals in the east and west, some salient points indicating true progress may be emphasized. . . . .

"The growth of the Bible Houses and Depositories in the great cities across the continent, so that there is now a chain of Bible Houses from Saint John to Vancouver, located in the following cities: Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. It may be added, however, that Depositories existed in some of these cities previous to the building of the present Bible Houses. In Montreal, a building was called by that name, whilst in Toronto the work was carried on in a building on Yonge Street in conjunction with the Upper Canada Tract Society.

"The increase in givings to the Parent Society from $17,000 in 1905 to $69,000 in 1928.

"The growing sense of unity and a desire to think not merely in terms of a local Auxiliary helping the Parent Society, but of Canada as a nation helping the world-wide organization to fulfill its duty more efficiently not merely in the Dominion but throughout the world. This is evidenced in the determination to raise Canada's Thank-offering 1929, $100,000, dedicated to world-wide work. . . .

"The statesmen of the Empire and all competent observers of human affairs see in Canada a land of opportunity and infinite possibility. It is the hope of those associated with it that this Society which transcends all national boundaries and takes 'The world for its parish' will receive from Canada not merely material and financial assistance, but will find in her a nation taking a leading place in the Commonwealth of Nations called the British Empire, and while working out heartily and harmoniously the problems that face her as a Nation, that she will give of her best to increase the usefulness and extend the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Thus will Canada take her rightful part in presenting the Scriptures to the world as a silent witness of the Gospel of Him who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Whose Kingdom ruleth over all."

Build Up a Missionary Library

By Lereine Ballantyne

BOOKS have personality, which varies according to the type of the book, just as people vary. Some folks grow on one, till it becomes a joy to be known as their friend, while others hold little of worth while interest.

"You can tell a person's character by the books they like" is a saying containing much truth. Indeed nothing gives one quite so much joy as does the small shelf of books containing literature on whatever subject that is dear to the owner's heart.

There are many books on missionary activities that are worth keeping, and though their bindings be only paper or inexpensive cloth, and their cost very little, yet taken together they cover a field of work that is absorbing in its interest. Our study books are rich in the history of our Society and of our country too, for pioneer work in western Canada is especially bound up with the work of the W.M.S.

Many new books are brought out each year on countries which we study. These are informative and add to the interest when reviewed briefly at a meeting, and generally make the reader more conversant with conditions in other lands.

It would be interesting for many of our churches to have a MISSIONARY LIBRARY, with just such books available for the programmes for Missionary night in the Young People's Society, the Sabbath School, the C.G.I.T. and other programmes in which leaders are constantly seeking information on missionary subjects. A special bookcase devoted to this type of books would prove a great asset during the coming years.

There are many adventure books for boys and girls, young people and adults on the work our missionary pioneers are doing. New ones are constantly coming out, and gift books during the Christmas season may be easily chosen from this vast subject. We are always glad to help with suggestions in our publications department.

Our New Study Books

THE COURIERS OF THE KING. This book which is now ready for distribution is the new study book for W.M.S. Auxiliaries and Y.W.A. It is based on the great Conference at Jerusalem and is a history of the missionary work since the time of Christ with an outline of our own work in many parts of the world. Programmes are arranged for each chapter and for those who desire to supplement the programmes the book ''From Jerusalem to Jerusalem'' is reviewed in this section. ''Couriers of the King'' handles each subject briefly, authentically and in a way which should be interesting to every woman in the church. Price each 25c. Send your orders as early as possible to get your programmes under way.

LANDS OF PROMISE. The study book for Girls' Groups, C.G.I.T. and Guides based on stories of Formosa and Japan. Just the right type of book to have as the basis of a good live discussion, or on which to base a treasure book of travel. See that every member of the group possesses a copy. Price 25c.

LOVE'S CANDLES. This book is valuable for the historical outline it gives of our work apart from the splendid programme suggestions for Mission Band leaders and the older pupils. It gives a vision of the story of religion and the part our Church has played through the years. The children should enjoy it thoroughly. Price 25c.

FROM JERUSALEM TO JERUSALEM, by Helen Barrett Montgomery, is a fascinating book on the Jerusalem Conference, compiled with many illustrations, making a book all leaders should have. It reviews the past and surveys the future of Christianity through the inspiring story of missions. Paper bound 50c. Cloth 75c.

GOING TO JERUSALEM. By Margaret T. Applegarth. This is the book for juniors—boys and girls from 10 to 14—a splendid book to read on Missionary Sunday in the Sabbath School, for the Junior Auxiliaries, etc. It gives the story of modern missions, and the heroism of those who through the centuries have gone to tell the story of Christ's love. Paper bound 50c. Cloth 75c.

ROADS TO THE CITY OF GOD. By Basil Mathews. The world outlook from Jerusalem is given in this book based on the enlarged International Missionary Council on the Mount of Olives, an event regarded as historic in its significance and of inspiration to all who read it. Paper bound 50c. Cloth 75c.

THE CHRIST OF THE INDIAN ROAD, by E. Stanley Jones, is the great book written on India and giving an entirely new dynamic view of missionary work, appealing and beautiful. Endless quotations could be given, but the book needs to be read to be appreciated. Cloth $1.00.

CHRIST AT THE ROUND TABLE. Follows the above book, and it is the findings of many leaders of creeds in India discussing what each got in their religion, and compared with the Life which gives ''all things'' to followers of Christ. Cloth $1.50.

THE TRAIL OF THE SKY PILOT. By C. L. Cowan. The story of a young Presbyterian minister making his way in Canada with some good descriptions in it of the western life, and a few chapters devoted to the union difficulties. Speaking of the lumberjacks he says, ''my thoughts were with the big lonely, rugged men of the camp high up among the age-worn sentinels, the Rockies. They ask no pity, wish no tears; but, I think, would value an occasional prayer.'' This book bound in cloth sells for $1.50.

A Christmas Gift for Juveniles

PETER, BINGO AND THOSE OTHERS. A charming little book, nicely bound, and telling the story of a resourceful little lad who was told he must not ask the missionary questions, even though he did want to know about ''horses, and ox-carts, and wooden houses, and similar things.'' But Peter found a way, which included his dog—and it all ended very feelingly. Price 25c.

YARNS OF THE NEAR EAST. Is one of a series of Yarn books, such as Yarns On Brothers of All the World, and these books are suitable for telling to teen age groups. Not only the yarns, but notes on the telling of them are of interest. Paper bound 25c.

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A Japanese Book for Older Girls

A DAUGHTER OF THE SAMURAI, by Etsu Sugimoto, is said to be one of the best and most authentic stories published of life in Japan. It is artistic and quaintly describes the problems of girls in that ceremonious country where birds, and flowers and customs mean so much. A charming gift for any girl. $3.00.

THE CHILD'S BIBLE Edited by John Stirling $3.00

Leaders and parents have often wished for just such a Bible. It is a simplified edition, beautifully illustrated, and in it heavy passages have been removed, while all the interesting stories are given in a way which makes them easy to read, and stimulates the interest of the juvenile mind. It will fill a valuable place for Mission Band leaders, primary Sabbath School teachers and parents. Size 8 x 11 inches—509 pages.

OUR LETTER BOX

A Little Magyar Newcomer

Quebec, Que.

"I HAVE had various experiences since the beginning of May. As I look back at the many happenings, that which stands out most vividly, is all that I have learned through doing.

I wonder if you have heard of the little Magyar newcomer? On the 25th of May, the S.S. 'Duchess of York' brought over a Magyar man and his wife. One hour after passing immigration examinations, the woman had to be taken to the 'Jeffery Hale Hospital' and shortly after gave birth to a lovely baby girl. On June 5th, Dr. Gordon, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Quebec, administered the Sacrament of Baptism, in the hospital chapel. The baby wore the pretty robe shawl, presented to her by kind ladies of our Church here, and received the name of Lily Piroska (a combination of Miss Macarthur's and my name). The thanks and appreciation with which the parents received the pretty gifts from the ladies of St. Andrew's W.M.S. and Young Women's Auxiliary has been the most genuine I have ever witnessed. It would take too much time and space to describe everything, but I must not forget to say that the baby has even been put on the cradle roll of St. Andrew's Church, and though she will be far away from this city, as her parents will have to go to Winnipeg, she will always be remembered.

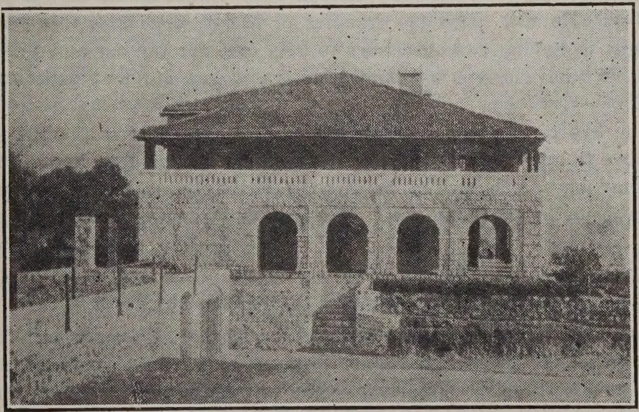
During the months of May and until June 25th, Miss Macarthur, Miss Scott and I have met 45 incoming steamers. The work has a great appeal for me and I have a feeling of increasing confidence in approaching people. When through with my work at the dock I assist Miss Macarthur in forwarding the names of the newly arrived Presbyterians to their respective centres, so as to simplify the 'follow up' part of the department.

It is not until one has the experience of the work, that the real value of lending assistance to others is perceived. In the two months I have been here, I have witnessed more satisfaction on the part of others, than ever before. People are so ready to receive, and also to give, and that which is accepted from us seems to return with gain of something else. Nothing remains unblessed.''—*Miss Beatrice Bernath.*

''Elizabeth Ford'' in Missionary Work

Amkhut, India.

"THE garage is finished at last and we hope you will think it is as nice as we do. I can walk out the front door, over the top of the garage, and along the highway to school without any climb and that means a lot when it is hot as it usually is. That pillar you see at the back is not on top of the garage but behind the bungalow where the protecting verandah was to be built. The roof is on it now and for the first time I do not need to worry about the damage that the rain is doing to those exposed rooms.



The bungalow at Amkhut, where Miss Robson lives, showing the new garage

We are having a good rainy season but it stayed terribly hot until last week although we had had some heavy showers. Now it is much more bearable, and I am so thankful as there are many things to do.

I have done quite a bit of running about since coming down from Toran Mall. That motor is just the nicest thing in the world. I have been out to Dohad four times in five weeks—took Mr. Toombs out, then Miss Williamson and the three girls who have gone to Jhansi Women's Hospital for nurses' training, then out to meet Miss Maxwell on her return from Landour and finally last week a trip with just Bhimsingh to get some parcels that had accumulated at the station and supplies needed before the rains should finally cut off communication with the outside world. I had intended to wait until Saturday but on Wednesday night I changed my mind and we went Thursday. It was the nicest drive we have had yet. No dust, no mud, no carts, no hurry and we hadn't been home half an hour when it began to rain. I should have spelled that with capital letters for the river came up and the walls of the stable which are being changed into servants' houses came down, and a lot of damage was done all round the place. AND it has hardly let up since! I don't know when the rivers and the roads will let ''Elizabeth Ford'' out again. Bhimsingh has washed her nice and clean and locked her up. By the way he drove all the way home from Dohad and is a good driver too. Stephen was home in June from Nadiad and is a very nice boy. He will finish his training in Motor Mechanics this year. I am lucky in having two such boys to help care for the car and to handle it too. We have driven over 5,000 miles and had our first puncture last week!

The five girls who passed their Class VI this year have all gone to Khandwa to finish their Middle School and one has gone to Normal there. The four boys who passed have gone with the others to Nasirabad. The two months at Toran Mall were just as strenuous and profitable as ever.''

—*Miss Bertha Robson.*

Memorable Days in the Chinese Mission, Victoria

''SCHOOL closed on June 27th. Quite a number of parents and friends were present, and the older brothers and sisters who were not at public school that morning. The programme was not long but the children carried it out very creditably. We opened with our usual morning prayer followed by three hymns. Mr. Leung spoke briefly to the children and parents in Chinese. Mrs. Macqueen's class recited the twenty-third Psalm and some of the commandments, and sang two hymns. This was followed by a demonstration of reading from flash cards. Mr. Lee, who arrived here two weeks ago to teach Chinese, addressed the children. Four singing games followed. Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell gave the closing prayer in Chinese. At the close every one was treated to an ice cream cone, the older kindergarten girls waiting upon their guests. Altogether, it was a very enjoyable morning.

On the previous Monday I took seven of the oldest children to Mr. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools in our district, as he has to be satisfied that Chinese children wishing to go to public schools understand enough English. He was very pleased with them all, and gave me papers for their admittance. Mrs. Macqueen and I have had such pleasure from our ''A'' classes this year and will miss them. However, they all come to Sunday School, and we will see them there. Two more children who are old enough to go on to public school were sick and unable to go with us, but I expect they will get permits later.

Last Sunday was a memorable day. There was an evening communion service and two girls, Leah Chow, and Rachael Leung from my class, and two boys, Philip Chan and John Lee, from Mr. Sutherland's class, united with the Church. To all of us teachers, who have been watching and trying to guide these young people, it has brought much thankfulness and prayer that God may bless them. Four wee babies were christened the same evening. Rev. D. A. Smith conducted the christenings.

There have been many encouragements in the work this year. I see a very harmonious spirit among the girls which I hope the C.G.I.T. and Mission Band and Music Club will continue to foster. The kindergarten work has given much satisfaction, and speaking of my own class in Sunday School, I think the girls are doing better memory work, and are interested in the lesson.'' —*(Miss) Gertrude Scott.*

Kindergarten Reopened in Kobe, Japan

''I am again in Japan and although I did enjoy and receive much benefit during my six months in Korea, still I was glad to get back here, and am studying every day. One does feel hopeless when it comes to talking and there is so much one wants to say and cannot. Meanwhile I have been meeting the workers and Christians and I am looking forward to taking at least a small part in the work, later. My teacher is a fine young woman. She has been studying in the Bible School here for two years. I went down to Osaka to attend the annual Presbytery meeting and was welcomed with the other new workers who came recently. There are eight groups of Christians in Osaka and two here.

Our kindergarten reopened last week. It is held in one of our churches, which is, by the way, a Japanese house. There are from 15 to 20 children in attendance, but they do not all come regularly. They are dear little children and how they do need the training they will get in kindergarten. Most of them are not very clean and come from very poor homes. Already one can notice the difference a week of school has accomplished. This department of the work here is certainly worth while, especially as we have the children for so short a time, as later they will go to Japanese schools. We must aim to instil a love of Jesus Christ and some knowledge of Him while we have them as tiny children, and also while they are in the Sunday Schools.

So far I have not done any visiting in Korean homes, but hear of the conditions, whole families living in a tiny place, the children with absolutely no decent, clean place to play. Surely there is great opportunity here for us to tell the gospel of Jesus Christ—a gospel for the poor and needy.

We are planning to devote one evening a week to music and shall possibly start with the students and have them come over to Mr. Young's home and sing.

Kobe is a fine city and to me it is a great joy to be able to rest my eyes on a lovely scene, as soon as I awaken in the morning, for not far distant is the Pacific Ocean, and there are always a number of small ships to be seen near the harbor and out against the horizon. Behind our house one of the mountains towers above us. Japan is very beautiful at present, this being cherry blossom time. In many of the gardens one also sees beautiful rose bushes.''

—*Miss Jean C. MacLean.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for October

''COURIERS OF THE KING''

Hymn—''O Spirit of the Living God.'' *Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings,* p 360). *Scripture Reading*—Acts, Chapter 2. *Hymn*—''Send Thou, O Lord, to Every Place.'' *Minutes. Roll Call* (to be answered by verses from the Bible giving a missionary commission). *Offering. Solo. Study Topic*—Based on Chapter 1 of the new study book—

1. Show how God included missions in His Divine Plan of Redemption for the world.
2. The Spread of Christianity after Pentecost; its persecutions in Rome; its protection under Constantine.
3. Women in the early Church. Give instances of their help and influence.

Hymn—''Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love.'' *Prayer.*

If preferred, use the following Thanksgiving Programme in October and that on the study book in November.

Hymn—''Come, Ye Thankful People Come.'' *The Lord's Prayer.*

Scripture Reading—Psalm 103. *Hymn*—''Soldiers of Christ! Arise. *Topic*—Thanksgiving. (Quote examples from the Council number of *Glad Tidings*). *Solo* or *Hymn*—''We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.'' *Closing Prayer*—(*Glad Tidings,* p. 360).

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Greetings From the President

AS we begin our year's activities I send greetings to all C.G.I.T. Groups and Girls' Organizations. As you study ''Lands of Promise'' I hope that our Canadian Presbyterian girls will feel very closely drawn to the girls of Formosa and Japan. Learn to know them. Their outlook and ambitions are the same as yours once they are touched by the gospel of Christ. You girls can do much for them through our missionaries.

There is a legend of the Emperor Constantine who went out with his army to do battle. As they fought suddenly there appeared in the sky a golden cross with these words, *In hoc signo vinces* (By this sign thou shalt conquer). The Emperor interpreted this sign as meaning that if he accepted Christianity he would conquer. This he did and won the day. So let me give you that motto. Only as we help bear the cross of Christ and let it speak to us of salvation and resurrection and life eternal will we conquer.

Between Yesterday and To-morrow

AUTUMN is the combination of two seasons, in that there are the vivid reminders of retreating summer together with the equally obvious intimations of approaching winter. So October brings to you leaders and girls two prospects. On the one hand, lies the broad expanse of your past activities and on the other, the vista of your future with its promise of interest and additional service.

What are some of the outstanding features of the summer which dot the landscape of your minds? For girls of every group and organization, camp experience or summer school still looms high with its glow of fire-light, thrill of sport and sweet recollection of song and inspiration. For the C.G.I.T. Group of Melita, Manitoba, rumor has become reality as the box containing the treasure shelf* was unpacked and the girls of the Amana Group realized that the Council Committee, composed of the Misses Dickson, Lamont and Senior, had really awarded them the W.M.S. prize for the best 1927-1928 Treasure Book. On another vantage point, the garden plot of the former Miss Edith A. Sinclair, Presbyterian ex-Girls' Work Secretary, was a riot of summer bloom. There grew roses and lilies, and golden wedding bells. But an August day dawned which will never be forgotten when she received from the Presbyterian girls of Canada an expression of their love and appreciation. While some groups had individually remembered Miss Sinclair, over one hundred girls' organizations, representing more than fifty churches, from Nanaimo, B.C., to Lunenburg, N.S., combined efforts and presented their former Secretary with a sterling silver tea service. Other things in the landscape may fade but such an expression of esteem will continue to carry brightness.

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* The following is the list of books sent for the Treasure Shelf:— "The Lost Commander", "Boys' and Girls' Life of Christ", "A Gentleman in Prison", "Life of James Robertson", "Going to Jerusalem", "More Short Missionary Plays", "The Daughter of the Samurai", "Oxford Book of English Verse", "Girls of Tip Top and Other Stories", "Canadian Poems".

The wedding gift presented to Miss Edith A. Sinclair, Girls' Work Secretary, 1926-1929, by the girls of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Then what of the future you behold on the other hand? There stand with open doors, your home, your school, your church and your community, stretching out even to the uttermost parts of the world. Meet your home life with the same interest that you went to camp and see the new beauties it may possess. Play fair with your school work as you do with your sports. Enter your Church and Sunday School with a new reverence, reflecting your intercourse with the beauties of God's great out-of-doors. Make yourself felt as a blessing in your community, a word, a smile, a helping hand, all are sunbeams in some one's dark corner. Then carry the desire to serve into your world friendship. This year the girls of Formosa and Japan are awaiting you in ''Lands of Promise'' but in making their acquaintance don't forget your India sisters and your goal the ''Training School for Nurses'' in the Bhil Field.—*Muriel J. Gray.*

MISSION BANDS

Thanksgiving Programme

LAURA A. DILL

Processional Hymn 141—''We Plough the Fields'' (All march in singing).

Scripture Lesson—Psalm 92.

Prayer of Thanksgiving—Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for all our good things. We thank Thee for the sun, the rain, the dew, the frost, the beautiful flowers and trees, and for our warm homes when winter comes. We thank Thee for father, mother, sisters, brothers and friends, and for bringing us to another thanksgiving time. Loving Father, we thank Thee for the great gift of Thy Son, who came to save us from sin and to help us to live as He lived to make the world a better place. Make us glad and thankful to serve and obey Thee for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn 719—''Can a Little Child Like Me?''

A Question and Answer exercise—What Am I Thankful for?

Offering and Prayer.

Hymn 797—''We've a Story to Tell.''

Dear Boys and Girls—Your Secretary is thanking God for the thousands of Band members who are meeting to thank Him for all His mercies at this glad season. As you begin the work of another year and the study of your new book, I want you to remember that you are ''Love's Candles'' and that our W.M.S. is depending on you to do your share in sending the Gospel Light to the uttermost parts of the world. May ''God bless us every one.''

Here is a true story that Mrs. Brent of Coleville, Sask., told us at the Council Meeting: A little girl through no fault of her own was lame; day by day she had to be carried wherever she wished to go. She had to sit and watch the other children play, but one day a pair of crutches were given to her. Oh how pleased she was! How she loved those crutches! Now she would not need to be carried; she could go out to where the other children played and, best of all, she could go to Church for she had learned to love Jesus.

One day a returned missionary was to speak in her Church and oh how thrilled she was with the story! How she longed to do something to help carry the message of Jesus' love to the little children in heathen lands! When the collection plate was being passed she longed to give something but had nothing. She felt ashamed. Then she thought of her crutches. Could she give them? they might be sold for money, but oh how she loved them! What could she do without them? When the plate came to her seat with tears in her eyes she stooped and picked them up and laid them on the plate saying she had nothing else to give. A bank manager who was sitting a few seats behind, saw this act and was so touched, yet so ashamed of the fifty cents he held in his hand, that he drew out his cheque book and filled in a form for a nice sum; others followed and instead of the usual silver collection a handsome amount was sent to the foreign field.

Prayer

FATHER of all mercies and God of love, we would lift grateful hearts to Thee at this time of Thanksgiving. We humbly acknowledge Thee as the Giver of all good and the source of all blessing. We are not worthy, O Lord, of the least of Thy mercies, yet Thou hast crowned us with Thy loving kindness. We thank Thee for all that is being done for the poor, the sick and the little children, and for every enterprise of love which is inspired by the spirit of Christ. We thank Thee for the fair land Thou hast given us for an inheritance; for our civil and religious liberty; for personal, family and national mercies; for prosperity and peace. We thank Thee for our friends, and for all the simple priceless things that we name in our hearts when we give thanks to Thee. Grant that we may be worthy of these Thy mercies and may our gratitude find expression in loving loyal service. Bless everyone who is doing even one self-sacrificing piece of work for Thee, and give us strength to keep on with our work however monotonous it may be. We thank Thee for our Church and her ministry, for our faithful missionaries, and for every effort that is being put forth to send Thy truth to the lands where Thy name is not honored, and to the hearts where Thy love is not known. Hear this, our prayer, O Lord, and accept our thanksgiving and thank-offering, for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

"When thou hast thanked thy God
For every blessing sent,
What time will then remain
For murmur or lament?"

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON P.S.—A very successful sectional meeting was held at Ranfurly on May 30th. Delegates came from nine different points, some motoring as far as eighty miles. Excellent addresses were given by Miss Laura Pelton and Mrs. James Adam, Presbyterial President, followed by a most helpful conference.

The ''David Livingstone'' Mission Band of the School Homes, Vegreville, held their last service for the term on Sunday, June 23rd. Duets, trios, quartettes, and choruses, as well as readings, comprised the programme. Two Junior membership certificates were presented, also eighteen awards for the Sunday School memory work. Miss McKee, matron of the Girls' Home, gave the address, giving the children many beautiful thoughts to take home with them.

Calgary P.S.—An interesting event took place at the home of Mrs. Wm. Donaldson, President of the North Hill W.M.S., Calgary, when the members met to express their love and appreciation of the untiring and devoted services of the pastor's wife, Mrs. McNabb, who is leaving Calgary. On behalf of the W.M.S. and the Mission Band, Miss Anna Campbell presented Mrs. McNabb with a beautiful piece of silver.

Rev. A. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson have returned to Vegreville School Homes from their honeymoon spent in eastern Canada. Our heartiest congratulations and good wishes are extended to them.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. WM. CUTHBERT, 1820-5TH AVE., W. VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

AT their June meeting the Point Grey Auxiliary was addressed by one of the workers from the Chinese mission who gave a talk on her experiences among the young Chinese. She spoke of the great possibility of reaching the older Chinese through the younger, their knowledge of English making intercourse in the home much easier. The environment of the young for many hours of the day is wholly Christian in school or at work, and the hope is that they will become, if not Christians, at least loyal and friendly to their adopted country.

At the July meeting of the Provincial Board, Miss Jenkinson was introduced and her work as deaconess at large briefly explained.

A number of our Auxiliaries held their August meeting in the open, as a picnic, inviting also those who had been Home Helpers for the year.

It has been a great joy to greet Miss Lena Fraser, port worker at

Halifax, under the W.M.S. (East), who spent her holidays in the west that she might understand more clearly the needs of those she welcomes and speeds to their far-off homes in their newly adopted country. Miss Fraser delighted a gathering of women from the various Auxiliaries of the city in Mount Pleasant Church. She told many experiences she has had among these people—some gay, some sad, some tragic. Not only is Miss Fraser returning better equipped, but we have a much clearer vision of our duty to these new Canadians.

Most of our Mission Bands and Auxiliaries did not meet during August. The Chinese Mission Band has had two outings with Miss Dickman in charge.

The four minute devotional paper by Mrs. Herd, entitled, ''Mother and Daughter'' can be had for the October meeting by applying to Mrs. David Smith, 175 10th Ave., W. Vancouver, also the one for September, entitled ''Stewardship'' which was prepared by our Provincial President, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham.

Through the efforts of Miss Jenkinson and Miss Moodie a service was conducted by Dr. Douglas in the Kerr Road Church, August 18th. It is with joy we note this small beginning where for so long there has been no divine service.

The Late Mrs. A. E. Hales

Kootenay P.S.—It is with deepest regret we report the sad news of the death on June 10th of Mrs. A. E. Hales, of Grand Forks, one of our most faithful W.M.S. workers, who was killed in a motor accident near Nelson. No brighter light could be shed upon her character and no greater tribute paid to the memory of this faithful and dearly beloved member of the Kootenay Presbyterial than the words of the President, who said, ''As long as we had Mrs. Hales in Grand Forks we would always have a W.M.S.'' To the bereaved husband we extend heartfelt sympathy.

The sub-executive on July 11th appointed Mrs. John Martin, of Cranbrook, Recording Secretary in the place of Mrs. McCurragh who has moved to Kamloops, and Mrs. A. B. Cowdy, 4th Street, Trail, as Supply Secretary.

MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

BRANDON P.S.—The fifteenth annual meeting was held June 13th, in First Presbyterian Church, with a large delegation. Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Presbyterial President, presided. Encouraging reports were given by all the Secretaries. The Treasurer reported $380.00 over allocation.

At the afternoon meeting Miss Pelton held a discussion period when many phases of the work were considered. Miss Pelton especially recommended the reading of our missionary literature.

The Mission Band hour, conducted by Mrs. Hamlin, Forrest, was an inspiration to all. The devotional exercises were taken by Band members, also readings and duets, and a pageant by First Church Mission Band and a chorus by St. Andrew's Mission Band. Mrs. Howe gave a splendid paper on ''Home Environment.'' Greetings were brought from the Provincial Society by Mrs. Davies, and from the Presbytery by the Rev. M. P. Floyd, Melita.

The impressive message of Miss Pelton on ''Stewardship'' will long be remembered and the Brandon Presbyterial feels greatly indebted to Miss Pelton for her help and inspiration.

Rally at Roland

Following a request for organization of the young women of the congregation, a party of Presbyterial officers, under the leadership of Mrs. A. M. Long, President, motored to Roland, June 25th. Mrs. P. Cundy, wife of the present minister in charge, had gathered the members of the W.M.S. and the Mission Band together as well as the young women, so a rally was held in the church, at which Mrs. Long presided. After the meeting the gathering, about fifty in all, adjourned to the manse, where Mrs. Cundy entertained to tea, and the young women were formally organized into an affiliated group of the W.M.S., with officers appointed and plans laid out for work. After a social hour the visitors returned to the city. There is every prospect of live vigorous work to be done in every department from Mission Band up, now that the entire forces have been properly organized, and the congregation at Roland has been greatly encouraged by the visit and the rally.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

BARRIE P.S.—The annual reception arranged by the Welcome and Welfare Committee of Orillia Presbyterian Church for newcomers and shut-in members, was held this year at the summer home of Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Couchiching Point. On this occasion over 150 women and 30 children were addressed by Mrs. C. W. McMullen, Council Welcome and Welfare Secretary.

The late Miss Marion Davis, a Life Member of the Schomberg Auxiliary, bequeathed to the Society $200.

Chatham P.S.—The Auxiliary of Knox Church, Leamington, recently held a special meeting, entertaining their Home Helpers in commemoration of their thirty-third anniversary. The ''Star'' M.B. during the summer months, with an average attendance of 58 members, has been making scrap-books, etc., for needy places.

Chatham Presbyterial was represented at Knox College Summer School by Mrs. L. B. Tape, of Knox Church Auxiliary, Windsor.

Glengarry P.S.—At the fifteenth annual Presbyterial meeting held in the historic church in Dunvegan, every Auxiliary responded to the roll call. The chief speakers were Rev. George E. Ross, D.D., of Ottawa, and Miss P. B. Lamont. A pageant was presented by the three Mission Bands of the Church.

Huron P.S.—Dr. and Mrs. Graham, of Exeter, who left in August for ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital, Tamsui, Formosa, were presented with a purse of gold by Huron Presbyterial.

Ottawa P.S.—The General Assembly and the Annual Meeting of the W.M.S. Council having been held in Ottawa this year made possible a notable gathering at the open June meeting of the Auxiliary of Knox Church. Addresses were delivered by four missionaries,— Rev. A. A. Lowther, Miss Luella Crockett, Dr. Gushue-Taylor and Dr. John Howie. Greetings from the Western and Eastern Divisions of the W.M.S. were conveyed by the President of each, Mrs. Daniel Strachan, of Toronto, and Mrs. L. A. Moore, of Halifax.

Orangeville P.S.—A well attended Presbyterial rally was held in Orangeville on July 2nd. After an open-air luncheon, at which greetings were presented by the Moderator of Presbytery, the delegates gathered in the church, when addresses were delivered by Mrs. E. E. Annand, Presbyterial President, on the Council meeting at Ottawa, and Mrs. Ellen Anderson, on the supply work. Mrs. Scott, of Claude, Honorary President, was presented with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate, the first to be given in this Presbyterial.

QUEBEC

For Quebec News—see ''Presbyterian Leaders Conference, Huntingdon,'' page 343.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SEC.

PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S.—Dinsmore Auxiliary, with a membership of sixteen scattered over a radius of nine miles, reports encouraging work. Mr. and Mrs. McFarren are the missionaries in charge at this point and Welcome Valley.

St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, reported a very interesting meeting in June, when Miss Neatby gave an address on ''Missionary work among the Indians in Canada.'' The President gave a short talk on the sectional meeting which was held in Rosetown.

Tisdale Girl Guides were addressed by Mrs. A. Walker on the "Life and work of Miss McConnell in India." At this meeting twenty-three of the girls arranged to go to Round Lake on a camping expedition, Mrs. Alexander and Miss Walker chaperoning the party.

The late Mrs. Peter Fisher.

In the passing away of Mrs. Peter Fisher, of Battleford, Sask., on the fourth of May the W.M.S. has lost one of its most loyal and earnest workers. Mrs. Fisher began W.M.S. work about twenty-seven years ago in Boissevain, Man., where she organized an Auxiliary. From there she went to Davidson, Sask., where she also started an Auxiliary. When she went to Innisfail, Alberta, she was made President of the Auxiliary and a member of the Presbyterial executive and for eight years she was an inspiration to all who had the privilege of working with her. While in Innisfail she was made an Honorary member, she having been previously a Life Member. On moving to Battleford, in 1925, Mrs. Fisher again took up the task of organizing an Auxiliary of which she was President until the time of her death. She was also Supply Secretary in the Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterial for three years. Her whole heart and soul were in the work. May the memory of her life of devoted service for the Master comfort her husband and family in their sad loss.—M.R.B.

Life Members

Manitoba Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Miss Helen Kennedy, Fort Francis Aux., Ont.; Miss Marjorie Duttie, Hartney Aux.; Mrs. M. J. Hainer, Ninga Aux.; Mrs. Jas. Stokes, Mrs. Michael Whitfield, Roland Aux.

Ontario Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Algoma P.S.—Mrs. A. Godfrey, Westminster Aux., Sault Ste. Marie. **Barrie P.S.**—I. E. Abercrombie, M. R. Shaw, Thornbury and Clarksburg Aux. **Chatham P.S.**—Mrs. G. B. Beardall, Mrs. James Keats, First Ch. Aux., Chatham; Mrs. John A. Stewart, Thamesville Aux.; Mrs. Fred. Mettam, Leamington Aux.; Nancy Campbell, Irene Gladstone, Y.W. Aux., Ridgetown; Miss Beulah McCoig, St. Andrew's Sr. Girls, Windsor; Mrs. P. M. Major, Puce Aux. **Glengarry P.S.**—Mrs. A. Watt, Lancaster Aux.; Mrs. A. MacLeod, Kirkhill Aux.; Miss K MacCrimmon, Vankleek Hill Aux.; Miss H. S. R. MacCuaig, "True Blues" Aux., Dalhousie Station; Miss E. Shaver, Aultsville Aux. **Hamilton P.S.**—Miss R. E. Scott, Knox Aux., Hamilton. **Lindsay P.S.**—Miss S. Martin, Miss M. Bellingham, Fenelon Falls Aux.; Mrs. D. D. Grant, Knox Aux., Woodville. **Maitland P.S.**—Mrs. J. Anderson, Wingham Aux. **Peterborough P.S.**—Miss E. F. Marshall, Colborne Aux.; Mrs. Philpott, Norwood Aux. **Saugeen P.S.**—Mrs. Wm. Smart, Sr., Palmerston Aux.; Mrs. Chris. Quarry, Mrs. James

Richardson, Harriston Aux.; Mrs. Wm. Patterson, Sr., Arthur Aux. **Toronto P.S.**—Mrs. Robt. M. Ogg, Mrs. John Riches, Mrs. Thomas McClure, Mrs. C. R. Magee, Brampton Aux.; Miss Ethel MacDonald (to Japan) St. Andrew's Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Elizabeth Pettigrew, Y.W. Class, Calvin Ch., Toronto; Mrs. J. M. MacGillivary, ''John Wilkie'' Y.W. Aux., Chalmers Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Blair, Mrs. W Marks, Mrs. H. McCamon, ''Janet Geggie'' Aux., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Mrs. T. F. Heacock, ''Goforth'' Aux., Wychwood Ch., Toronto; Mrs. J. H. Whitehead, Beaches Aux., Toronto; Mrs. H. I. Poste, Runnymede Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Charles Cooper, Richmond Hill Aux.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Hamilton P.S.—Mrs. C. C. Dawson, Knox Aux., Hamilton. **Lindsay P.S.**—Mrs. W. A. McLennan, presented by Presbyterial.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Hamilton P.S.—Janet Tait, ''Sunbeam'' M.B., Knox Ch., Hamilton. **Chatham P.S.**—Margaret Craig, Ridgetown M.B.; Helen Skelley, Windsor M.B.; Norman Allyn (Blue Seal), Leamington M.B. **Maitland P.S.**—Frank Cardiff, Brussels M.B.; Margaret G. McGreggor, Teeswater M.B.; Marion Mitchell, Anna Chittick, Harold Parker, ''Happy Gleaners'' M.B. Wingham. **Saugeen P.S.**—Eva Hardman, ''Goforth'' M.B., Arthur; Margaret Quarry, Eleanor Williamson, Jean Ramsay, Harriston C.G.I.T. **Toronto P.S.**—Miss Edna Clarke, Miss Eileen Clarke, Miss Lillian Howard, (Blue Seals), ''Coral'' M.B., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Miss Erica McLeod (Silver Seal) ''Sunbeam'' M.B., St. John's Ch., Toronto; Miss Eleanor Jean Day, Knox M.B., Milton West; Miss Lorraine Davie, Miss Margaret Frazer, S.S. Class, Calvin Ch., Toronto; Donald Alan Macgillivary, John William MacGillivary (Blue Seal) Chalmers Ch., M.B., Toronto; Florence Isobel Foulds (Blue Seal) ''Coral'' M.B., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Miss Audrey Daws, ''Busy Bee'' M.B., Riverdale Ch., Toronto.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Loving Memory of:

Barrie P.S.—Helen Jean Bell, to her mother, Mrs. Robt. Bell, by Mrs. M. Rainford, St. Andrew's Aux., Barrie. **Glengarry P.S.**—Mrs. Kate Nicholson, St. Elmo Aux. **Hamilton P.S.**—Mrs. E. Davidson, by her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Lovell, Knox Aux., Hamilton. **Peterborough P.S.**—Mrs. Boyd, by her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, of Toronto, to her sister, Mrs. James Wilson, Cobourg Aux. **Saugeen P.S.**—Mr. George Morton, to his daughter Mrs. M. F. Cree, by King's Messengers Y.W.A., Ailsa Craig. **Toronto P.S.**—Mr. W. H. Clark, by his wife, Christine MacKay Clark, St. James Aux., Stouffville.

Correction.—January issue, Hamilton P.S.—Mrs. James Rowland, Knox Aux., Hamilton, should read Mr. James Rowland.

Quebec Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Miss Elsie Liversedge, Fairmount-Taylor Aux., Montreal.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTION

In Loving Memory of:

Mr. J. McClements, by a friend, Auxiliary of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal.

Saskatchewan Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. W. J. Burnett, Parkview Aux., Saskatoon; Emmeline Beggs, St. Andrew's Aux., North Battleford; Mrs. Christina Bersea, Qu'Appelle Aux.

HONORARY MEMBER

Mrs. John Stuart, by Heward Aux.

JUNIOR MEMBER

Duncan Ross, ''Grace'' M.B., Strassburg.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Red Deer P.S.—''Rainbow'' M.B., Edwell; ''Wild Rose'' M.B., Hillend; ''Shining Stars'' M.B., Sarcee, Three Hills; ''Blue Bird'' M.B., Willowdale.

Ontario

Hamilton P.S.—''Merry Workers'' M.B., Alberton.

Maitland P.S.—''Mary Hardy'' M.B., Ashfield.

Ottawa P.S.—''Clover Leaf'' M.B., Kinburn; ''Golden Links'' M.B., Thurso, Que.

Toronto P.S.—St. Paul's Church M.B., Vaughan.

Treasurer's Statement

June, July and August, 1929

RECEIPTS	
A Friend, ''Scholarship for child in Miss Robson's School''	$ 60.00
A Friend, ''Chinese work in Toronto''	160.00
Toronto, Alexandra Bible Class Victoria Ch., ''Furniture for Nurses' Home, India''	25.00
Galt, Mrs. Hoff, ''Miss Murray's work in British Guiana''	5.00
Bequest from the Estate of Martha Gemmill, Sarnia, ''Mission work in Canton, China'' ..	300.00
Collection at Council Meeting	77.26
Pensions	63.45
Government Grant for Mistawasis Indian School	240.00

DISBURSEMENTS	
South Porcupine Hospital	$ 833.75
McMurray Hospital	432.48
Canora Hospital	1,500.00
Vegreville Hospital	1,700.00
Chinese in Canada	1,669.61
Indian School, ''Cecilia Jeffrey''	844.98
Indian School, Birtle	1,297.32
Indian School, Mistawasis	93.67
Government grant paid to ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' ..	952.14
Huntingdon School Home	325.00
New Liskeard School Home	771.62
Saskatoon School Home	1,474.83
Prince Albert School Home	290.00
Canora School Home ..	129.00
Vegreville School Home	1,551.81
Social Service	4,772.33
India, Bhil Field	3,431.25
India, Gwalior Field	1,859.00

Government Grant for Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	1,083.48
Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	3,453.55
Interest	1,007.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	1,778.95
British Columbia	600.00
Manitoba	625.00
Ontario	17,600.00
Quebec	3,100.00
Saskatchewan	855.00
	$31,033.69

China, South	724.98
China, Manchuria	480.00
Formosa	3,893.27
British Guiana	361.21
Publications	1,651.14
Organization	1,200.00
Candidate	15.00
Council Expense	2,266.22
Supplies	5.50
Pension	233.32
Student	60.00
Miscellaneous	423.91
Deputation	757.96
Administration	1,812.17
	$37,813.47

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand May 31st, 1929	$ 73,878.70	
Receipts	31,033.69	
Disbursements		$ 37,813.47
*Bank Balance		15,908.85
Pension Fund		5,215.79
Legacy Fund		4,819.76
Sustaining Fund		26,827.46
Bonds		10,180.00
Associated Treasurers in China		400.00
Hong Kong Banking Corporation		250.00
Cash on hand		3,497.06
	$104,912.39	$104,912.39

* Includes $15,000.00 transferred from Sustaining Fund, July 5th, 1929.

(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,
Treasurer.

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Editorial

EVERYBODY loves little children, and great was the joy throughout our Society when it was learned that a memorial gift of five thousand dollars had been received from Mrs. M. G. Abey, of Brandon, Man., to erect a Nursing Home for the little children of the Bhil field, in India.

The need of such a home has lain heavily on Miss Robson's heart for years for she saw so many precious little lives lost because of insufficient care.

The Home is to be designated ''The M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'', and is a gift from Mrs. Abey in memory of her husband who also dearly loved little children.

The object of this Nursing Home is threefold: First—It is to be for motherless babies who may be brought to it. These never live if left at home for the relatives have no way of caring for them. Second—It is to provide comfort and care for the school children during temporary illness, such as malaria or fever. Third—It is expected that here, through teaching and demonstration Christian mothers will learn how to take proper care of their little children.

The preliminary sketch of the proposed building has come from Miss Robson. This is the first step. The second is to provide a nurse. This has been done, and there is now in our Missionary and Deaconess Home a young woman who is taking a Bible training course preparatory to going to India when this Home is ready. We anticipate that great blessing will attend the work of this consecrated young woman.

Many words of appreciation of this generous gift will find their way to Mrs. Abey, and many more will forever remain unwritten except in grateful hearts. But Mrs. Abey's real reward will be in the words of our Master ''Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto Me''.

UNDER THE CAPTION ''Women Missionary Workers'' there appeared in the *Mail and Empire*, Toronto, this fine tribute to the work of the women throughout Canada who serve in the great missionary army:

''Those women who are enrolled in the missionary societies of the various Christian bodies are an example to women's societies everywhere and of every kind. Besides the good works they do, besides the almost incredible sums they raise, there stand in contrast, expense accounts that are really touching and pathetic, they are so small. And there are to help them no tag days, no appeals to the public, no great effort, apparently —just a conviction, almost sub-conscious, that they are called on to spread the good news of the Kingdom both at home and abroad.

When people tell you that the voluntary worker cannot be depended on and is not a success, you need do no more than point to the thousands of women, who as officers work unceasingly in missionary societies at their own expense, when there is expense, and achieve results such as is achieved by no other organization of women.''

A BUREAU OF AFRICAN CHRISTIAN LITERATURE which has been under consideration for about two years, has been formed, and the British group have nominated Miss Margaret Wrong, as Secretary. Miss Wrong is a native of Canada and has been Secretary of the Student Movement in Toronto University, where she was also dean of women's work and lecturer in history and English. Later she became one of the Student World Federation Secretaries in Europe, and since 1926, has been associated with the British Student Movement. She has paid one visit to Africa and has a good knowledge of French and a working knowledge of German. Miss Wrong is a member of the Board of Study for the Preparation of Missionaries and of the United Council for Missionary Education in England. She has been in close touch with Mission Board personnel in North America and Europe, and has a thorough experience extending over a number of years of co-operation between different international groups, and is admirably adapted for the position. Funds sufficient to assure the inauguration of the work have been raised by the Mission Boards of Great Britain and North America. A constitution has been drawn up and approved. It provides that the work shall be under the direction of national committees, which combined shall be recognized as an international committee functioning as a sub-committee of the Committee of the International Missionary Council. The routine administration of Miss Wrong's work will be primarily under the direction of the British section. It is proposed that Miss Wrong should spend the first three months of her service in becoming acquainted with the British boards and in language and phonetic study in London and three months in the United States and Canada, becoming acquainted with the situation here. The purpose of the work is to promote the production, publication and distribution of literature for use in connection with missionary work in Africa.

THE DESIRABILITY OF PRODUCING LITERATURE in the vernacular for South India is also under consideration by the Mission Boards in the United States which have work there. Mr. F. L. Marler, Literature Secretary of the Andhra Christian Council has brought to their notice the fact that a large proportion of students who go through several years of the elementary schools carried on by Christian missions, revert to illiteracy because there is no adequate literature to enable them to retain the knowledge gained in the schools. This means that a good deal of money is wasted so far as this large group of students is concerned. Mr. Marler feels that the importance of this feature of the work should be stressed. On his return, with what contributions he receives, Mr. Marler will produce some much needed school books and other literature.

WE WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE the courtesy extended by the Synod of Hamilton and London in including in the list of officers which appear on the back cover of the printed minutes of the fifty-fifth Synod, the President of the W.M.S., the President and Honorary President of Ontario Provincial and the Presbyterial Presidents within the bounds of the Synod.

The Church officers listed include: the officers of the Synod, Convener of Synod's Committee, and, under the title, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the name of the Moderator, joint Clerks of Assembly, Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Board of Missions, Budget Committee, S.S., Y.P.S., and Editor of *The Record.*

The publication of this list should ensure information going direct to the person for whom it is intended.

MISS DOROTHY JENKINSON, who did such splendid work in South Vancouver, has, at the request of Winnipeg Presbytery, been transferred to East Selkirk, Man., which lies at some distance from our field where Mrs. MacKenzie is carrying on work. This field comprises three settlements and is peopled largely by Ukrainians. During the summer it was in charge of a student missionary but he has returned to college and there is no one to carry on the work among the adult population and a hundred or more children. The W.M.S. was sorry to disturb Miss Jenkinson in the good work she was doing in Vancouver, but as she had undertaken the deaconess training with a view to service among Ukrainians and New Canadians, it was felt that she should be appointed to the work she especially desired and for which she is so well fitted.

Miss Annie Whitby who, as deaconess at large, has served so acceptably Riverdale, Rogers and St. Matthew's Churches, Toronto, has gone to Vancouver to take Miss Jenkinson's place.

Miss Lily Macarthur, port worker at Quebec, has been appointed to assist in the work in the new and growing parts of the city of Regina. It is, of course, the intention that Miss Macarthur will ultimately return to port work.

The appointment of these three deaconesses at large is a very real contribution to the Church Extension and frees the Board of Missions from any anxiety regarding these three points.

''LOVE'S CANDLES'', the new Mission Band text-book is meeting with a very cordial reception. The general opinion among the leaders is that it contains sufficient material for two years' study if supplemented by the Mission Band page in the *Glad Tidings,* and additional programmes for special seasons such as, Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. The leaders are the best judges of how to subdivide the chapters so that the book will cover two years.

THE OFFICES OF THE CANADIAN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS are now established in the new building, 97 St. George Street, Toronto. Here the Director will be glad to meet any missionaries or candidates who desire to confer with him regarding the programme of work for the year, and the courses of study available. The new building will not be ready for occupancy before the end of the first term. In the meantime, its academic neighbors have graciously placed their class room accommodation at the disposal of the School.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE W.M.S. is extended to the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions in the great loss it has sustained in the death, after a brief illness, of its gifted Secretary, Miss Ella D. MacLaurin.

ROBERTSON–JOHNSTON—At First Church, Edmonton, on July 3rd, by the Rev. D. G. MacQueen, D.D., Jean I. Johnston, of Vegreville, to the Rev. Adam Robertson, Vegreville, Alta.

Our members would unite in wishing Mrs. Robertson (better known to us as Miss Johnston, Superintendent of the Vegreville School Home) and Mr. Robertson, every joy and blessing.

The Glad Tidings

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Council Greetings and the Joy They Brought

"YOUR greetings of love and appreciation, so beautifully expressed, reached me while on holiday. It touched me deeply that in the midst of your very busy time, full of varied problems to solve, you should think of me, who deems it a very great privilege to be a co-worker with you in the Master's vineyard. The thought of our women—and such women—strengthens and encourages us in our labor of love. I want to thank you, and all your associates, also the women of our Church, for confidence, kindnesses and prayer that my work among the sick and friendless may be richly owned of Him who has called us to be co-workers together."—*Canada.*

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"Thanks for your letter of love and greeting. I rejoice in your devotion to the work and your consecration in helping to bring in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, Glorious Saviour that He is, in the Bhil field. You, who so faithfully stand in prayer and in gifts, are the real soldiers. Christ has never lost a battle, He is always victorious! May we make His praise glorious, and His Name known!"—*India.*

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"Your letter containing the greeting and remembrance from the Council and also the appreciative message from yourself, came to me just before I left for my vacation. It is a great joy to think one is remembered and thought of in such a personal way. While it is true that my work is at times very difficult, yet it also brings me into contact with many wonderfully fine Christian people, whom it is a privilege to know. I sincerely hope that our loved W.M.S. may do a greater work for the Master than ever before."—*Canada.*

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"Very many thanks for your kind message. I appreciated being at the annual meeting in Ottawa. It was only the second I have attended, the other being the one held in Montreal a short time before union. At Ottawa, I was impressed with the earnestness and fine spirit of our W.M.S. women. As women from all parts of the Dominion expressed their interest and confidence in the work, the thought that was most in my mind was, 'with such women back of us, with their interest and prayers and offerings, what can one do but return to her post with the longing to do more faithful and better work than in the past'."—*Canada.*

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"I wish to express my thanks to you and the women at home for the warm greeting contained in your letter. As I have often said before, I think that the fact of the praying women who are standing behind us in the home land is the greatest earthly urge a missionary can have.''—*Formosa.*

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''Please accept my thanks and appreciation of your kind letter. The loving greetings and good wishes of our beloved President and 46,000 members of our W.M.S. cheer and inspire all your workers to renewed zeal and consecration in the Master's service.''—*Canada.*

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''Your kind letter with loving greetings from all the members of the Society, which sent us to Manchuria, received. I felt small and touched, that this great task had been added to your many others and was surprised to find the personal note in this greeting. I deeply appreciate all the thoughtfulness for us on the field. May all this kindness only induce us to better and truer service for our Lord.''—*Manchuria.*

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''Thank you so much for your kind letter of greeting and love, which reached me a few days ago. I was deeply touched by its personal note. It means more than one can express, to have one's own peculiar troubles and difficulties remembered when our beloved President has so many of us on her mind. I have wished so often that I could express, adequately, my gratitude to you and to the Council, for all their loving consideration for me, especially during this past year. No Board could possibly be more kind and considerate than mine. As I have thought of the dear members of our own Board, and of how really each one is my friend, I have felt doubly thankful for you all. I wish I could tell you how often I have been strengthened by the love and prayer help of our beloved Society, and how their faithfulness to me, has given me new strength to go on again.''—*Canada.*

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''Your letter of love and greeting has been received, and I wish to thank you and the members of the Women's Missionary Society so very much for it. I have enjoyed the work here, very much, and hope I may make good in the new duties I have undertaken. Knowing the prayers of the W.M.S. are behind me, I go forward with fresh courage, hoping and praying I may use every opportunity that comes my way to further the cause of righteousness and to serve our Church.''—*Canada.*

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''Thank you so much for your lovely letter conveying the greetings of Council and all your loving thought for us. I do not appreciate it any the less because I know I do not deserve it, but I will try to be a little more faithful and a little more diligent knowing that you are depending on us.'' *India.*

''Your letter of greetings from the Council received. I would like to express my appreciation of all that the women of the Council have done and are doing for us. I only wish I were better fitted for the task and know I do not deserve even one-half the praise you give me. All the success I have had in the school work is not through my efforts alone. Just the thought of that great army of women behind me is an inspiration to do my part. And well as I may do my part, a great deal of the success or failure of my work here depends on our Indian workers.''—*India.*

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''I beg to acknowledge with thanks your kind letter of the 5th of July containing greetings and expression of confidence from you on behalf of the Council. It was indeed a great source of gratitude to me to meet so many of the wonderful ladies of the Church, and indeed a greater comfort to know there are so many staunch friends at the helm at all times. I enjoyed the meetings so full of inspiration, but was sorry I was not able to voice my sentiments as I should have liked to. It was too touching to be with so many after the quiet, but I gradually got accustomed to seeing so many.''—*Canada.*

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''Your letter of love and greeting in the name of our Women's Missionary Society reached me here yesterday, and I wish to express my gratitude for its message. All work that is worth while is heavy and trying. One's nerves are strained, one's temper becomes ruffled, one's physical endurance is put to the test and oftentimes the sense of failure takes the zest out of effort. Then along comes a message of understanding and appreciation such as is contained in your letter and suddenly, as if by magic, some of the burdens are lifted, and work goes along much more easily. I thank you for it.''—*Canada.*

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''I am in receipt of your letter of appreciation of a recent date. I have only one thought in regard to your kind words and it is this, were the privilege given to the workers representing the W.M.S. in the Dominion and overseas to meet together in conference, there would be whole-hearted unanimity in any motion to convey the love and appreciation of the united body of workers to you and your sisters who are giving your time and your talents so unreservedly and so successfully to make the actual advance possible by them. Woe be to us if you dear ladies who are holding the ropes and directing all effort by loving self-sacrifice, do not spur us on to more earnest endeavor in building up, reaching out for fresh conquest in the Master's name! What a great day will the 'Harvest Home' be. Then we shall all as one marvel and adore, grateful that we were deemed worthy to have some part in bringing it about.''—*Canada.*

"I cannot begin to thank you for your lovely greetings, or should I say those of the Council, conveyed by you. There was such a lovely spirit and personal touch about the message, that gripped me very much. We surely do appreciate the wonderful Board that stand back of us in prayer and finances. As a Church, I think we have a most wonderful Women's Missionary Society, because not only financially do they help us, but prayerfully too. The thought that so many of our Canadian women are holding us up in prayer is a blessing indeed to us. My daily prayer is that I may be worthy of the honor it has given unto me, and that I may not fail those at home, who are putting faith in me to carry on His work."—*India.*

Students

MRS. D. D. CALVIN

The Report as Presented to the Council

YOUR Student Committee has asked me to speak to this report. I do so with diffidence. In writing the report and in trying to find out how the department had been run, I came to the conclusion that the Student Secretary had had very little organized help. It has been the business of no one person in any university centre to get the names of the Presbyterian women students attending that university, and although many names have been sent in it has always been a haphazard arrangement. There are many Presbyterian women registered as students in Canadian universities and in the hospital training schools, but how can the Student Secretary in Toronto learn their names? No one in the Registrar's department of these colleges and schools could be expected to take time to make out lists of our students, so that requests by letter for such lists are useless. There is the same lack of reliable information about the varied student societies in the different colleges, and although the Student Secretary may keep in close touch with the big organized Student Associations, she has trouble in finding out to whom to pass on their programmes and lists of meetings, conventions and summer camps.

This lack of individual contact, even by letter, is a serious handicap in the Student Department, and it might be largely overcome by the appointment of Provincial Student Secretaries. In all probability an authorized W.M.S. Student Secretary would be allowed to go through the card index of registered students in any college or training school and make her own list of Presbyterians. A Provincial Secretary would also be more likely to hear of students in her own province from interested friends. Some student specially interested in missionary work could be found by the Student Secretary and between them a really useful and continuous knowledge of the students and their interests could be built up. If regular reports were sent to the Council Executive Student Secretary how rapidly the opportunities for mutual benefit would multiply! Advice as to studies, possible openings, chances of hearing inspiring speakers could be sent to all students thinking of missionary work—and the Candidate Department could be told of these students and stand ready to help them when the time came. The help that Provincial Student Secretaries could render to the whole Council Executive is very great.

There is also a wonderful opportunity for Christian work among our students. It is a work that needs close contact—closer than any possible exchange of letters could achieve. Why do we hear so often that university women graduates are not volunteering for missionary service? Is it true that higher education upsets the faith of college students? And if so, what are Presbyterian women going to do about it? Presbyterians have never feared the effects of education upon their young people. Surely the answer is to give them more rather than less—to supplement the education of books by the education of experience.

Stevenson was probably right when he said ''Youth is the time to go flashing from one end of the world to the other in mind and body'', but youth needs sometimes to be told that others too have been young and have enjoyed their years of freedom and of new and strange ideas—and that to many the memory of those days is sweet. Let the older people in the Church stand behind our students. We want them to have their freedom. Let us be sparing of our criticism, generous in our sympathy and stand ever ready to give a guiding hand when it is asked for.

The Student Committee would plead that each Provincial Society look carefully over its membership and choose a Student Secretary, and that these new Secretaries and the Council Executive Student Secretary, who has to be appointed, together build up a strong Student Department. Remembering our own student days we would choose for Student Secretaries women young in spirit, if not in years, clear in mind and broad in sympathy. Let them be women whom the mental and spiritual ''growing pains'' of youth will not readily shock or unduly alarm and above all, let them be willing to share their fuller knowledge of Christian life, but willing also to bide the right time to speak.

All have a share in the beauty; all have a part in the plan;
What does it matter what duty falls to the lot of man?
Someone has blended the plaster; and someone has carried the stone;
Neither the man nor the Master ever has builded alone;
Making a roof from the weather, building a house for the King;
Only by working together, men have accomplished a thing.

—*Selected.*

Student Christian Movement Conference at Elgin House

REV. F. G. VESEY

A Synopsis of the Message given to the Council Executive

THE Student Christian Movement for Canada held its Annual Summer Conference at Elgin House, Lake Joseph, Muskoka, from Wednesday evening, September 11th, to the evening of September 19th. More than 160 students, mostly undergraduates, and other friends interested in student life and work, were in conference and a more enthusiastic and buoyant company it would be hard to find in all our Dominion.

The basis and aim of the Movement is to foster a fellowship of students who have the conviction that in Jesus Christ are found the supreme revelation of God and the means to the full realization of life.

The Movement seeks through study, prayer, service and other means, to understand and follow Jesus Christ and to unite in its fellowship all students in the colleges of Canada, who share the above conviction, together with all students who are willing to test the truth of the conviction upon which the Movement is founded.

Conferences, such as this, accomplish something quite distinctive. Away from the distractions of the complex life of the college, students are able to concentrate on some important subjects, and in common life together even for a few days an atmosphere of frankness and candor is developed which greatly facilitates finding the answer to many a difficult question.

The members of the Movement make no secret of the fact that they are idealists. While not blind to the actual condition of the affairs existing in our present day society, they have a conviction that out of these conditions can be developed something more nearly to the heart's desire and more closely in harmony with the purpose of God. Thus hundreds of students are helped by the Movement to find a fuller and richer life in God, to understand and follow Jesus, and to share their experience with others.

From the happy, spontaneous fellowship around the breakfast table in the great dining hall of Elgin House, where the hum and chatter of voices would suddenly be drowned in the yell of a college crowd—and remember there were students from Halifax to Vancouver—away on to the evening when devotional services were held in the outdoor chapel, the whole of the days were spent in healthful, hearty, study, recreation and counsel, which made the season most profitable and welcome for all.

Miss Molly Johnston was the chairman of the Conference. Her brief address was of a high order. She struck a fine note for the start of the

Conference. ''They had met with a sincere desire to study the things that seemed to have been crowded out of the university life. They desired to appreciate in a better and deeper way the true spiritual values in life. They wanted to pool their experiences amid ideal surroundings. They desired their minds to be raised to higher levels. But it depended upon their individual efforts. College lectures did not become a part of them, but there they could come to know the *reality* of spiritual life and their whole being could receive a broadening and uplifting which would be a means of blessing for many days.''

So amid the beauties of lakeland, the Conference studied and played, worshipped and prayed, and learned and taught, the best things for body and mind and heart.

The special speaker for the devotional gatherings was the Rev. Dr. Herbert Gray, a Presbyterian minister of London, England, whose books for young people are well known. His addresses were strikingly simple, but wondrously helpful and inspirational. The students and others were greatly stirred by his presentation of scriptural truths.

Morning devotions at 9 o'clock were conducted by the Rev. F. J. Moore, B.A., of the University of Toronto, who also officiated at the early Communion service (7.30 a.m.) in the chapel. This service was very largely attended and was the beginning of a very helpful, worshipful day.

The programme for the group studies was as follows:

Jesus in the Records—led by Miss Jean Hutchinson, Mr. Harry Avison, Mr. Church Stewart, 3 young graduates and workers.
The Gospel of St. John—led by Prof. John Line, of Varsity.
The Teachings of Jesus—led by Prof. D. Lowe, of Trinity.
Comparative Religions—led by Prof. McClement, of Queen's.
Missions—led by Rev. K. J. Beaton, S. V. M.
What Can I Believe—led by Rev. F. J. Moore, M.A., of Varsity.
Jesus and the Social Order—led by Prof. W. J. Rose, of Dartmouth.
Realizing God—led by Rev. Dr. Ernest Thomas, of the United Church.

At certain hours each day these groups which had been meeting on the lawns and in the bigger rooms on the grounds, met as a forum to discuss special topics, to answer questions relating to Church, State, and Society, and to hear addresses of a very helpful character.

In the evenings, before service in the chapel or lectures, the company gathered for singing in the large music room where before the open fireplace, with its great logs glowing, the students sat on the carpeted floor, and sang to their heart's content.

A welcome visitor was Prof. Pratt, of Victoria, who gave some delightful readings and thrilled the audience with some of his own fine poetry.

Altogether it was a season of great inspiration. Under the guidance of the S.C.M. Secretaries, Mr. Murray Brook and Miss Gertrude Rutherford, everything and every hour went along smoothly, happily and helpfully. One could not but feel that this was an association which was something more than a name. It cannot accomplish but the best service for the students and for the future of Canada. Would that many more of our university students might be attracted to join this Movement for their own sakes and the good of the future of Canada. One came away almost wishing that he were once again a young student in such a helpful atmosphere.

Youth

Not theirs to question or to hesitate
When once they hear the challenge and the call;
Not theirs the doubting mood that like a pall
Lies on our hearts; they ponder not their fate,
Nor are they wise like us to speculate
Of loss or gain. Like flame upleaping they
Their answer make, and laughing march away,—
To new-born worlds their lives are dedicate.

And we, O God, shall we no longer dare
To follow waving banners of a dream?
Shall we not still their questing spirit share
In high adventure faithful to the gleam?

O God of Youth, when Thy far bugles blow,
Gird Thou our sinews and our souls to go!
Clyde McGee.

An Endurance Test

Miss Jean Graham

SOME time ago the needs of the unevangelised areas were laid heavily on my heart. I asked if I might go and commence work in Tungliao, which is right at the western border of our field, almost in Mongolia. It is the terminus of a railway line that branches off the Szepingkai-Taonan line and is about one hundred and eighty English miles from Szepingkai. It is also the terminus of another line that runs to Peking. It is the centre of a large Mongolian district and for scores of miles the villagers come here to do their trading. It is a wonderful distributing centre, and is reputed to have a population of about seventy thousand, and this is much augmented in the busy times when the countryside seems to fill some of the main streets. To give some idea of the crowd that at times throngs some streets during the New Year season when the Chinese are so busy with their shopping, I stood at one corner of a cross street and in less than two hours gave a tract to each of one thousand people. It is most exceptional for the people to refuse or be rude, in fact they seem to appreciate this friendly approach to them.

Plague

When I first made the proposal to come here there were difficulties in the way. One was that the plague had broken out in these parts. Tungliao was reported to be the centre of the affected district. Some startling reports were circulated. But I was determined that when other difficulties were out of the way the reports of plague would not deter my coming. Two days before we left I heard that the plague was as bad as ever and that a strong deputation of influential men had that day gone to see the chief official of the province to ask that some special measures should be taken to prevent it continuing. Some twenty-five cases had just been reported. All passengers coming from the plague area were detained at a junction for five days before being allowed to proceed, but there were no restrictions *re* going *into* that area. As we proceeded on our journey towards Tungliao the conversation among the passengers was much about the plague. We passed through the place that had suffered most. It is difficult to get authentic facts concerning numbers but the general opinion seemed to be that the original population of the place was about fifteen hundred. A doctor who was on the prevention committee told me that six hundred deaths had been registered. It was pathetic to look out at that plague cursed place and think of the homes that had been completely wiped out. Worst of all was the fact that no preacher of the gospel has ever visited that place—that is, according to report.

A Chinese Inn

Mrs. Hsing, a Chinese Bible woman, Pastor Wang and I arrived in Tungliao late one afternoon. We found our way to an inn. The room could have been worse and it could have been better. For instance, we could not lock the door and the next room through which we had to pass was usually filled with a crowd of gamblers. We searched hard for suitable rooms to rent. Everybody declared we had come too late, as the custom is to rent in the second and eighth Chinese month. After some days in the inn when I was beginning to get a suffocated feeling with the bad air, tobacco smoke and lack of privacy together with a tired feeling due to disappointment at not finding even a single room for renting, Mrs. Elder Kao came and asked us to go and stay at her house till we found a room. She was insistent. So we came, thankful for the change. In the meantime we not only looked for rooms but scattered much literature and were well received by the people. After a wait of some days we found two little rooms that sufficed for Mrs. Hsing and me. Later, further down the street we rented two larger rooms for the Chinese evangelist and for a little preaching place. Though we have felt much restricted we have had many evidences that the Lord has blessed our ministry here.

There has been a migration of people from all parts of China to this place. Among them are some professing Christians; and a little congregation has held together loosely for years. For a time it had an old man who preached on Sunday but he left some time ago. Occasionally a preacher from a far away place paid a visit. Some months ago an Elder Kao, who with his wife seem good practical Christians, came here and he took services on Sunday. Mrs. Kao has done a great deal of visiting among the people and has influenced a number of women. But there has not been any public evangelistic work done here. The place where the Christians have been accustomed to meet is right on the outskirts of the eastern part of the town. Our little place is in the western part and near the centre of things.

A Bonny Crowd of Children

While we were waiting to get our little hall fixed up we visited many homes and preached. The very first week we commenced a Saturday night prayer meeting and a daily meeting for the children. The children have attended well and we registered their names and call the roll daily. Before the schools closed for mid-winter vacation we found the best time for the children's meeting was about half past three but now we have it at half past twelve. We have to stop the ordinary preaching which commences at ten in order to have the meeting. Our little place is often packed to suffocation. We also have two children's meetings on Sunday so it requires much planning and preparation to get eight Sunday School lessons a week. Most of the children can read and after they have come regularly for a fortnight we give them a New Testament from the Pocket Testament League. It is good to see them getting their Testaments out for every lesson and reading and also finding the memory text (for they must recite a text every day). They can tell the stories of the life of Christ and other Bible characters most accurately. We are trying to hide the Word of God in their hearts and believe it will not return void. They are a bonny crowd but it requires faith and patience to train them for God. Many of them have opium smoking parents and it is pathetic to see how they look to us to help them. We have visited a number of homes and we get good welcome. Many of the children have confessed Christ as their Saviour. Some of their parents have also but their knowledge is still very limited.

We open the hall every day about ten in the morning and keep it open all day. There have been very many listeners and a number of decisions. I usually preach for an hour or more after the children's meeting. We have more openings into homes than we can overtake, and we pray daily for laborers, especially from the local people.

Robbers

Some months ago Mrs. Hsing and I went to Szepingkai. I just took enough bedding and clothing for a couple of days as my object was to attend mission meetings and then return immediately. But I was detained through bronchitis. As soon as I could I came back here. The night before I returned I got word that our little place had been robbed. I wondered what was taken and what left. I found that not one good article of clothing was left, and the rest of my bedding had also disappeared. Our diminutive abode looked unattractive when we arrived at night. The thief had tossed everything about looking only for good things. He took a few good articles belonging to the woman but left most of her things. Some kind friends lent me sufficient bedding till I got a new supply and for a time I had a very ''light'' feeling as far as my clothing was concerned. I did not have to wonder what I would change into. I realize more and more that it is an enviable art to be able to live with the minimum of supplies that are needed to give the maximum service.

We are still living in compressed circumstances. Mrs. Hsing and I have lived together in one little room of about eight feet wide and about twice that length for over three months. We have another little room but it is an icehouse. It has a winter gale blowing through the crude doors and acts well as a refrigerator to keep our books and coal in cool condition. But cooking, eating, sleeping, writing, studying and praying, entertaining many visitors large and small have all been done in this small place. The walls are mud and the roof something else that leaked somewhat when we first came but that has been remedied, for water freezes these months and does not trouble us by dripping. I have felt suffocated more than once and imagined if I could get into a room all by myself and shut the folks out of sight and sound that I would call this ''heavenly.'' But following the course of nature I suppose I should soon find something else to complain about. We have close neighbors on each side. One is a washing place. They usually wash most of the night and the ''rub-a-dub-dub'' is an antidote for loneliness. On the other side there are some men living who in ordinary times work late and early mending boots or something and these last two weeks they have gambled and drunk, (the sounds come clearly through the walls), they have started in hilarious fashion and often ended up fighting. I am getting experience in some of these things. It makes good material for preaching.

Listening Ears

We are looking for a more suitable place and as next month is the general moving season trust the Lord to give us some more room. Oh! I must not forget to mention another element that I imagine is sawing some of the corners off my impatience. Seeing we cook in this little spot and seeing the coal is the kind that the miners won't have much trouble with—that soft kind that melts into beautiful? soft flakes of soot or else ascends in rolls of smelly smoke—I have learned (or am learning) to live in a sooty dusty state without being ashamed of it. This may not appear a virtue to some of my clean relatives and friends but it certainly saves me some little nerve waste. To be able to see clouds of flakes settling down on your camp cot and on the bedding, on your books, your basin, your clothes, your writing material, yes and even irreverently settling on your Bible, and every time you sweep your dirt floor to have to have the flakes augmented with mother earth and then not to ''bark'' at the business requires some training. And, after you have washed your hands ''mpteen'' times, and your face also a number of times and imagining you are ready to face the public give a glance in the mirror and discover negro streaks on your nose or neck—well! you either subside or submit.

Nevertheless we do have such a lot to encourage us. The children are bonny. The people welcome us and attend well. The old Christians also come along to the Sunday services and to Saturday night's prayer meeting and it is quite an ordinary thing for at least ten to pray one after another without waiting for a long time. We have distributed tens of thousands of tracts in the streets and shops and homes and everywhere find multitudes of listening ears and open doors.

A Message from Rev. D. E. McDonald of Jobat

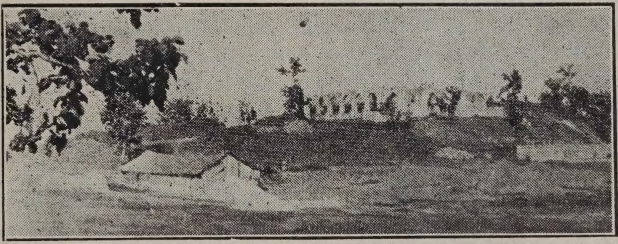
Dear *Glad Tidings:*—

I SUPPOSE that many of your readers who have been following with interest and prayer our missionary nurse, since the time of her arrival in Jobat, will be wondering what progress is being made on the W.M.S. bungalow. The picture will give you some idea of what is being done and you can see that at least something that looks like a bungalow is taking shape on the hill-top.

The bungalow site is on such a high hill that to take a good picture is almost impossible. The photographs had to be taken from a hill about three hundred yards distant and so are not very clear. The building in the foreground is a temporary structure for the storing of lime during the rainy season, that is now with us. The walls of the workers' and servants' quarters can be seen at the foot of the hill further back.

Building is a slow process in India and especially in the jungle, where very little skilled labor can be secured. After months of worry, urging of unreliable workmen, etc., when we think we have accomplished something by getting together the brick, lime, sand and other building material required to make a start, we find that our troubles have only begun. The walls have a habit of bulging out in places that are not according to plan, bricks get an application of mortar around the outer edge leaving air-chambers in the centre of the wall, etc., etc. So, in order to make sure that the wall is going to be fairly solid and to keep it sufficiently even to pass inspection, it is necessary to be constantly on the look-out and it requires some grace to keep patience within bounds. Of course the fact that the building supervisor is a greenhorn at the job does not make the problems any less.

The wood for the ceilings and roof of the bungalow is being prepared in Amkhut and, as there was some difficulty in making arrangements with the authorities for the logs required, it was impossible to have the wood cut and sawn before the rains set in. The walls are now ready for the ceilings and roof of the central rooms, and that work will be proceeded with just as soon as possible after the close of the rainy season. In the meantime, although it is difficult to get laborers during this season (as most of them are away on their farms) we are pushing ahead as fast as possible with the men who are available. Work can be completed wherever there is to be a flat roof and, if a sufficient number of masons and coolies can be secured, we hope to have some accommodation ready for Miss McConnell when she returns from the hills in October. If it is possible we will have ready for occupation at that time the two study rooms, washrooms, pantry, kitchen, storerooms and the verandahs.



New Bungalow being erected at Jobat

This is the first time that the responsibility has been placed upon me for the supervising of the building of a bungalow and many times, especially during the hot season (when for about three months the daily temperature registered was from 100° to 116° in the shade and a number of days as high as 118°), did I wonder if it was worth while undertaking to personally supervise building operations when the work could have been placed in the hands of a contractor. We have been encouraged however, when the non-Christian Bhil laborers have told us how much they appreciated the instruction that had been given to them in the daily Bible classes. The class work would have been impossible if a contractor had been in charge.

During the cool and hot seasons the laborers gathered in the consulting room of the hospital at 6:30 a.m. After the singing of a hymn and an opening prayer for guidance we separated into two classes, one for the Christians most of whom could read and the other for non-Christians to whom instruction was usually given in Bhili for about an hour. The personal contact day after day on the work and in the classes is helping us to get into close touch with the people from the farms in the surrounding district. Our hope and prayer is that in the not far distant future, we will have not only comfortable living quarters for the W.M.S. missionaries but, as a result of using the building work as an evangelizing agency, we will have the joy of seeing many of these men and women with whom we are in daily touch, become followers of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

We trust that when your readers are daily remembering in prayer your W.M.S. representative, that you will not forget those who have the privilege of being associated with her in the task of proclaiming the Gospel to multitudes yet unreached in this district.

Appreciation from an Outsider

WHILE waiting for a university girl to return to occupy her room, I had the pleasure of living for a few days in the Presbyterian School Home for girls in Saskatoon, as a paying guest.

Knowing how difficult it was for me to find a home in which the surroundings are congenial, I wondered if the parents of the girls in the School Home realize how fortunate their girls are, coming into the city to attend school, to be taken directly to such a delightful home. The rooms are large, bright and airy. It was interesting being there on opening day. Every train brought more girls and by night they seemed like one big happy family. Miss Scott and Miss Brell were so thoughtful of their needs and comforts. The former residents relieved Miss Scott so much by initiating the newcomers into the life of the Home.

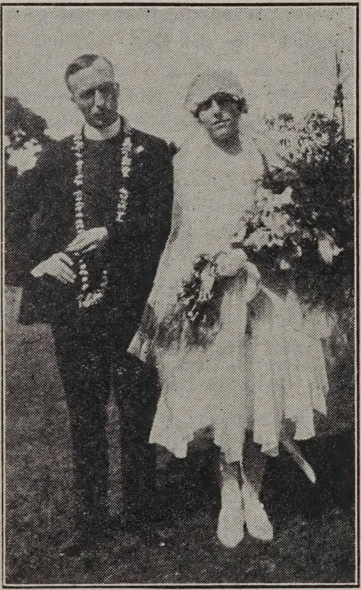
While arranging their rooms on Saturday morning the merry laughter and chatter were wholesome to hear. The discipline of the Home is splendid. The funniest thing I heard was, after reading the bulletin, ''O, can't we chew gum?'' I am sure when the girls leave, it will be with happy memories of their residence there.

In losing Miss Brell they are losing a wonderful little helper. Sunshine and happiness radiate from her. We congratulate the young man who is stealing her away.—*Margaret Cowan.*

A Mission Wedding in British Guiana

MISS A. M. MURRAY

I DO not think I told you about our mission wedding which took place on August 2nd, when Rev. George H. Nicol and Miss Dallas were married. Miss Aird and I were the bridesmaids and Mr. Wilson of the Boys' High School was best man. Rev. R. Gibson Fisher officiated, assisted by Rev. Mr. Cameron of the Scotch Church. The ceremony was performed in the Scotch Church as our own building was too small.



Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Nichol

All our East Indian members in the country of Berbice were invited and between three and four hundred came. A wedding with them is an affair of great moment, so the invitation pleased greatly, not only in that it was a wedding, but in that it was their ''Sahib's'' wedding. The reception was held outdoors at the Girls' High School, and the East Indians themselves prepared the grounds after their own fashion. They erected large pavilions, very tastefully constructed of stout bamboo poles, roofed over with palm branches and decorated with flowers and with arches of palms.

As East is East and West is West, there had to be two sets of catering. We had ours—the usual wedding luncheon—and the East Indians had an elaborate curry feast. They came the day before bringing quantities of spices, rice, and flour and a small flock of sheep and goats. Most of the work was done at night, partly to avoid exertion in the heat of the day and partly because ''roti'' their special bread, is a capricious dainty and is best when cooked in the cool of the night. They took possession of the Girls' School and I'm sure in the hundred and fifty years that have passed over its head the old ''brick house'' has seldom seen a more interesting night.

The top floor was a nursery where the busy mothers left their babies in charge of the Training Home girls, who had remained to share the excitement. The first floor was a sort of musician's gallery, for a real East Indian band assembled, and with music and songs new and old honored the bride, ''the Daughter of Canada'', as one song called her. The basement was perhaps the most interesting place. Huge fire-places were constructed, the men looked after the meat, some of the women prepared the dough for the roti and others with mortars and pestles pounded the spices for the curry.

The wedding day was beautiful and all went well; nothing was lost or torn, or smashed, and nobody was late or unduly excited. The bride wore white georgette and carried a sheaf of white lilies. Miss Aird and I wore blue and carried a bouquet of lilies, roses and blue plumbago. The church was decorated with bamboos and lotus lilies—the national flower of India. When the bride and groom entered the grounds they were ''garlanded'' by the East Indians. This is a mark of love and honor, it is simply the placing of a long chain of white flowers about the neck.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicol received some beautiful presents. The East Indian gifts were particularly interesting being, for the most part, pieces of their own beautiful brass work. Among other things they brought the gift which every newly-married couple receives, a pair of brass plates and two *lotas*, or drinking vessels.

After the ceremony the bride and groom left for Tumatumari Falls, a charming place up one of the rivers in the Guiana forest, and we were all left behind with that forlorn, helpless feeling one always experiences after a wedding is over and all the old shoes have been thrown.

This article has a threefold interest. The groom is a missionary of our Church, the bride was a missionary under the W.M.S. (E.D.), the story was written by our Miss Murray.—Editor.

The Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the W. M. S. (E.D.)

THE fifty-third annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division) was held in the old historic First Church, Pictou, N.S., September 11th and 12th. The Secretaries' reports were all satisfactory. There has been growth and progress in a number of Auxiliaries and a very fine response to the needs of the foreign fields. There is still, however, great need for more workers.

The President's address, always of deep interest, was especially impressive, for it was rumored that she would not accept re-election. After a résumé of the work that had been accomplished at home and abroad, Mrs. Moore closed with a touching reference to the loyal support and kindness shown to her during her nine years of office, and asked that the same love and loyalty be accorded her successor.

Greetings were received from Mrs. J. H. Thomson, one of their Honorary Presidents, who is now a member of the Council Executive of the W.M.S. (W.D.), who expressed her pleasure at again seeing so many of those with whom she had worked in the past, and also so many new and bright faces. A telegram of greeting was read from Mrs. Strachan, President of the W.M.S. (W.D.) and a letter from the Corresponding Secretary, expressing regret that the Council Executive could not send a representative this year, and wishing the W.M.S. all success.

The Young People's meeting clearly indicated that the interests of the young people lie close to all hearts and that earnest efforts are being made to arouse and secure their interest and support.

It was agreed that the subscription price of the ''Presbyterian Message'' be raised from 25 cents per year to 35 cents and thus place the paper on a sound financial basis. Some feared that the circulation of the paper would suffer. But, as Mrs. Macnab, the Editor, says, ''We have too much faith in the loyalty and fairness of our Presbyterian women to believe that such will be the case but feel sure that they will one and all rally to our support in true blue style.''

The speakers at the public meeting were: Mrs. L. A. Moore, President; Rev. Dr. Munro, of New Glasgow and Rev. F. G. Macintosh, Synodical missionary. Dr. Baird welcomed the delegates and gave an interesting sketch of the history of the old church which dates back to August 24th, 1786, stating that John Geddie, father of the famous missionary, Dr. Geddie, was an honored member and elder of that congregation. Mrs. Moore reviewed the history of the W.M.S. work abroad and at home. Dr. Munro spoke on the four fundamentals necessary to a successful Society: organization, education, enthusiasm, intercession. Mr. Macintosh told of the re-building and re-organization of the Church in the Maritime Provinces, and appealed to the W.M.S. to secure recruits for the ministry.

The presence of six home mission workers and their cheery reports was an interesting feature of the closing session.

The President elect is Mrs. W. McK. MacLeod of Sydney, and we would unite with the members of the W.M.S. East, in offering our congratulations, praying for blessing in the high and responsible office to which she has been called.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara, on the invitation of Dr. Helen MacMurchy, attended the Federated Medical Woman's Council of Canada, which met in Montreal, and was honored by being made a member of the Society.

Three girls from the Bhil field have gone to the Women's Union Hospital at Jhansi to train as nurses. This is the hospital that has asked for the services of Miss Simpson, our nurse, for four months. Their urgent request has been granted.

Gift Books for the Christmas Season

By Lereine Ballantyne

WHAT nicer gift could one give than a book which suits the recipient exactly. In all the daintily wrapped parcels one opens on Christmas morning, nothing equals the joy of finding a new book that one has wanted—it is like meeting a dear friend.

But there are so many gifts required at this season that price plays quite a part in one's shopping. We have therefore chosen a few for special recommendation with this in mind. Especially the books for children, which are suitable for class or individual gifts. They are all charmingly bound, and contain the most delightful stories. And they have indeed been chosen from hundreds of samples.

Bargains in Books! ! !

Books at half price, and in some cases less, is the good news we have for you first of all. By making special purchases we have a number of books suitable for Christmas giving for boys and girls of teen ages, for Mission Band prizes, Sunday School gifts or prizes, and are planning to give all who read the *Glad Tidings* the benefit of our buying. The list of specials is limited, but orders will be filled from now until Christmas while they last:

TELL ME A HERO STORY
TELL ME A STORY OF JESUS
ONCE UPON A TIME TALES
TELL ME A TRUE STORY
By Mary Stewart.

These are all stories told in a thrilling breathlessly real manner for leaders and parents who tell stories to eager listeners. Speaking of "Tell Me a True Story" Henry Van Dyke says "It brings the meaning of Christianity to the children's level." "Tell Me a Hero Story" is about princes and knights of old and would delight the heart of any child. In fact all of them are beautifully bound and tried and true favourites. These books sell regularly for $1.75, but we are offering them for 75c. while they last.

THE BISHOP'S SHADOW
THE BIG BROTHER OF SABIN STREET
THE SCOUT MASTER OF TROOP 5
BILLY BURNS OF TROOP 5
By I. T. Thurston.

These books follow with a magic spell the delights of camp life, hikes, exploring expeditions and high adventure, while the first two tell the story of Tode Bryan, the Bishop's Shadow. These are real boys' books for regular fellows. Regular price $1.50, we are selling them for 65c.

DOCTOR LUKE OF THE LABRADOR is one of those delightful Norman Duncan stories of the fisher folk down east, that the rest of the family love to read when they can get it away from father. This is one of the finest books ever produced in Canada. Regularly $1.50, now 75c.

WILFRED GRENFELL, the Master Mariner, by Basil Mathews, is the life story of the famous Labrador hero who has become one of the best loved missionaries. Regularly $1.50 for 65c.

For women we have various small lots of inspirational books which are too limited to advertise. Write in for the kind of book you specially want, and we shall do our best to fill the order from our special price list.

LITTLE LORD JESUS is the prettiest of the juvenile books. It is bound in a gay Christmas red, exquisitely illustrated and contains pretty little poems, stories of Jesus as a little boy, pictures on many subjects and gay little drawings in red and black. We sell it for only 25c.

JUST LIKE YOU stories are little books bound similar to ''Little Lord Jesus'' (In fact it is included in this set) and they come in a box of six in the following titles:

Book 1—''Just Like You,'' in rose cover.
Book 2—''Taro and Ume,'' in blue cover on Japanese children.
Book 3—''David and Susi,'' in black and white on Africa.
Book 4—''Little Lord Jesus.''
Book 5—''Pedro and the Bells,'' in green and gold.
Book 6—''Prayers for Little Children,'' in blue, rose and gold.

The six neatly boxed sell for $1.50, and would make a nice class gift for the primary or Mission Band groups.

THE SPECIAL MESSENGER, and PETER BINGO AND THOSE OTHERS, are both appealing little stories for the juniors. They are written by Edward Seaman who certainly catches the child spirit and at the same time the missionary, in a way that grips even the grown-ups. These are delightful books, bound in pure white hard backs with gold lettering and with a prettily illustrated jacket, and sell for only 25c. each. They make excellent gift books.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOUR is a collection of charming little stories suitable for children from about seven to eleven years old, and is sponsored by our own W.M.S. It is nicely bound in a hard board cover, is 5¼" x 7½" and sells for 50c.

THE BOOK OF ISLAND BABIES in pretty paper cover is a collection of stories about foreign children, suitable for the primary departments or Mission Bands. It is illustrated and sells for 25c.

THE BOOK OF OTHER BABIES is similar to that described above, but contains stories on Japan, Africa, India, Greenland, etc.

CHILDREN AT PLAY IN MANY LANDS is a book of games played by children in far countries. There are North American Indian games, Japanese games, Korean games, Chinese games, Turkish, African and Burmese games, and a whole chapter gives directions for costumes. Every Mission Band or Sabbath School library should have a copy, each 75c.

There are other books for children in our stock but the above are the highlights. Write for suggestions.

Books for Girls

A GIRL'S BOOK OF PRAYER is a dainty little volume of simple interesting prayers suitable for the average girl in all sorts of circumstances. Sixty-four pages, nicely bound, 35c.

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OUR LETTER BOX

Visiting the Outposts

Prince Rupert, B.C.

"AT the end of July an opportunity occurred for me to visit Port Renfrew on the west coast of Vancouver Island, where we have had a student missionary for the first time. This is a little place and only accessible by boat, which calls once in two weeks, but the C.P.R. ran, for the first time, a special excursion, which enabled me to go in. There is a trail through virgin forest, but as it crosses a deep canyon over which one must pull one's self on a wire rope, naturally it did not appeal to me as very suitable for a woman.

I found our little group of Presbyterians very much interested. Our student had done splendid work, taking Sunday School service every Sabbath near the coast and going in the evening nine miles through virgin forest to give a service to some three hundred men at a lumber camp, walking the entire distance, eighteen miles, and the return journey in the dark through a place infested with bears, and cougars.

For some time there has been a call for some one to go to Prince Rupert, so I came. It seems to me we should have a good work here as so many of the leading merchants and public men are Presbyterians. I found that the W.M.S. Auxiliary here have met and have some funds on hand. I am visiting around before calling a meeting and hope they will start their fall work with a new vision.

Dr. Douglas was rather hoping that I would go north to Stewart, B.C., on the border of Alaska, and I am making inquiry about it, but I find it very expensive and once the snow comes there is no getting about, so unless I feel a very definite call there I will go west along the C.N.R. via Hazelton, Prince George and Jasper to Kamloops, and then to Cranbrook and Kimberly where I have not yet been."

—*(Mrs. J. F.) Grace M. MacLean.*

Chinese Pupils

Victoria, B.C.

"OUR day school classes re-opened on September 3rd, with a very good attendance. Miss Scott and I have been busy getting the little ones, who were promoted in June, settled in the public schools of their own district.

Mr. Lee, the new Chinese man appointed to assist Mr. Leung in teaching Chinese, arrived in June. He is middle-aged and seems a very efficient teacher. Then they have secured Miss Grace Lee for one of the afternoon classes. At night, from 7.30 to 9.30, Mr. Lee and Mr. Leung teach a class of older girls and boys. They had eighty pupils enrolled and expect ten more. On Monday night, at the request of Mr. Leung, I made a short visit to the two class rooms and wished them much success. I am hoping to see an enlarged attendance at our Sunday services as a result of these Chinese classes.

My afternoon class now numbers twenty-four and more are expected. No sooner do we send the older pupils on to public school than younger ones take their places, so our numbers keep about the same. I still have my poor little cripple, Violet, who is brought in her wheel chair. She is making some progress. At 3.30 I give a lesson in English to Mr. Lee, five days each week, before I go to the homes of the women whom I teach. Our English night school is still not very encouraging. This week I am teaching three nights, later, if the attendance improves, we shall teach five nights, but the outlook is not very promising. One of my night school pupils is a young Christian man who has attended this class for a long time, he is doing advanced work in grammar and composition, preparing himself for journalistic work. He is a very satisfactory pupil and I feel it is very worth while to help him.'' —*Mrs. E. Macqueen.*

Every Rose Has Its Thorn

Formosa.

"AT present I am spending the hot summer weeks in the W.M.S. hill cottage which is built of stone hewn from the boulders found here on the mountain. We are not sorry that it is so solid and safe when the typhoons visit us. Its safety is due to its being placed on a ledge which had been levelled off and the house built close to the wall of the mountain, so when the wind comes sweeping down the steep slopes it seems to pass right over us. It is pleasantly cool here, quite similar to June weather at home. The nights are made for sleep, and the long walks we take on trails winding over the hills are not conducive to saving on the board bill.

To those who live in the Canadian North-West the scenery here might not be as marvellous as it seems to those who come from Eastern Canada, but the terraced rice fields with their ever changing shades of green, the gracefully swaying fronds of the tree ferns, the Acacia trees, the large flashy wild flowers and luxuriant tropical verdure add a characteristic charm to the scenery. The Easter lilies are in bloom again but the brilliant hibiscus are over.

As we look out from our little haven, we see the flat Taihoku plain drained by the four branches of the meandering Tamsui River, dotted with villages which are all aspiring to become as important as the city of Taihoku which is the metropolis of the Island. When darkness drops over the plain, as it does so quickly in this land where there is no twilight, the twinkling electric lights of the city and villages vie with the stars in making the scene full of charm, and when the tropical moon makes a silvery path across the water the whole scene becomes one of mystical beauty. Off to the west is the broad expanse of ocean, called the Formosan Strait, where the waters are sometimes tipped with white caps and sometimes smooth as pale green glass. Such are the nature pictures we can see from the verandah of our mountain home.

But there is never a rose without a thorn and we have a few here. One is our common enemy the snake. The other day when moving a box in our bath room a beautiful? brown and black spotted snake, of the poisonous variety, was found coiled in peaceful slumber underneath. Fortunately, these creepy things do not like us any better than we like them and usually try to escape us. Another is our interesting storms which go by the dignified name of typhoons. Terrific blasts blow intermittently for two or three days, with strength sufficient to lift house tops, pile boats up on the shore, snap trees and later break into driving torrents of rain which is finally scared away by the sun peeking through the clouds. The periods of calm are as exciting as the periods of noise, for one wonders what will happen during the next blast.

Perhaps you think existence out here is made up of weather and scenery only, but not so. Our contact with the lovable people of this land makes life worth living. Some who have heard the gospel since childhood have deep convictions and sweet faith in the Heavenly Father. Some are only awakening to that faith, but sad to say, many are indifferent to the gospel message and thousands have not yet heard it.

Our cook, a lad of about seventeen summers, is very anxious to learn English. When he asked if I would teach him I thought of no better primer than the first chapters of St. John's Gospel in which many words are repeated and where the Divinity of Christ is proclaimed.

In July, Mrs. MacKay conducted a Vacation Bible School where a large number of children learned to quote from the Bible and to tell Bible stories. The theme was ''The Promises of God'', and each story illustrated a promise. One of the Middle School teachers translated the hymn ''Standing on the Promises of God'' and the children learned to sing it. We are sure seeds of hope were sown in the hearts of the little ones which we trust the Holy Spirit to use in the years to come.

A conference was also held in July, when the preachers of this field met for discussion and inspiration. Dr. Meyers from Japan came down and gave some fine messages on The Word. The Bible women gathered in to attend some sessions of the conference. We are hoping and praying that the coming winter season will see a revival of spiritual life in the various stations and that many who have not yet accepted

Jesus Christ will be led to acknowledge Him as their Lord and Saviour. Please pray with us.

"Saviour, lo, the isles are waiting:
Stretched the hand and strained the sight,
For Thy Spirit, new creating
Love's pure flame, and wisdom's light.
Give the word, and of the preacher
Speed the foot and touch the tongue,
Till on earth by every creature
Glory to the Lamb be sung."

—*Alma M. Burdick.*

A Summer Camp in British Columbia

Camp Semiahmoo, Ocean Park, B.C.

"I SPENT a week at the Religious Education Council of B.C.'s camp at Ocean Park. I did not think a camp could be so enjoyable. The situation was very lovely, among tall trees overlooking the sea, nature is at her best there. There were over seventy men and women from all parts of British Columbia, and representing different denominations, attending the lectures. Miss Fountain was in charge of girls' work and Miss Semmens, of Toronto, lectured on Junior work and story telling. There were Bible study courses and a very delightful sunset service and campfire talks and songs. The morning was very busy but we had the afternoon for swimming and recreation. I only wish I could have transported all my girls here to enjoy the courses and contacts. Our outdoor morning service was held in a clearing surrounded by big trees. There was a trained choir of girls, an organ, a soloist, a congregation of about a hundred and a very inspiring sermon by Prof. H. L. MacNeill of Brandon College. I wish such outdoor services were possible very often."

—*Gertrude Scott.*

Sunrise from the Mountain Top

Baguio, Philippine Islands.

"WE have just a few more days in this wonderful mountain resort, and will be so sorry to say good-by to the beautiful hills. I am very glad I came here for my holidays for I have gained all the pounds I lost, and feel well and strong once more. I rather dread going down into the heat, but I have had extra time this year, and would forfeit my head tax if I missed this boat. This is quite the best resort for South China people and a complete change of climate. We climbed Santo Tomas the other day, it is the highest point near Baguio, 7,500 feet, and 2,500 feet higher than Baguio. The climb was glorious. We left the hotel at 3.30 a.m. so as to be up on the hilltop for sunrise. Some of the party managed it, but most of us saw it rise from the trail, and then from the top saw all the glories of the morning sun, and the clouds rolling up from the valleys. We had breakfast, a short rest, and then down the trail and back to the hotel for lunch. The hills up here are all pine-clad, and there are the most wonderful tree ferns, large graceful things. These tree ferns only grow in two other countries.'' —(*Dr.*) *Jessie A. MacBean.*

Work Among the Italians

Montreal, Quebec.

''I WOULD like to tell you how much I have enjoyed my work among the Italians again this year. The sewing classes have been happy meetings week by week. As many as thirty girls have come regularly. We always started with a story and finished up with hymns. The children loved the singing particularly. The Sunday School has gone on Sunday by Sunday but the attendance has varied a great deal according to the outside attractions. At Ville Emard there are so many Roman Catholic parades, festivals and processions during the summer that the children are very easily enticed away.

The evening services have been very nice indeed. A few have gathered away from the crowd to hear the Gospel in their own native tongue and to join in the hymns. Unfortunately, there is no one to play the organ while I am away and the people will miss the music very much in the winter.

I returned to Toronto September 24th to start my studies again at the Toronto Bible College. We have a very fine new building and I am delighted to be back, although sorry to leave the Italian work. The visiting in the children's homes has been intensely interesting and helpful. Some of their parents appreciated my reading to them; others liked only to talk. They fear above all else the criticism of their friends and for this reason many will not come to a service at the mission hall. Yet I feel sure that gradually the work will grow and increase at Ville Emard even as it has done in the north, for the few faithful work so earnestly and zealously among their own friends.'' —*I. I. Estall.*

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for November

AS November is the month in which the day of national Thanksgiving falls, we would suggest that the members follow the Thanksgiving programme outlined on page five of ''Couriers of the King''.

To test your knowledge of the material in this *Glad Tidings,* try a

WHO CAN TELL?

1. Where do religious meetings last nine hours a day? (p. 382).
2. What estimate do outsiders place on our School Homes? (p. 386).

3. What plans are being made for Presbyterian students? (p. 376).
4. How do some Auxiliaries overcome the difficulty of not holding meetings in winter? (p. 402).
5. What is a courtesies committee and where does one function? (p. 402).
6. Where and for how long is the daily temperature 100 to 116 degrees in the shade? (p. 385).

GIRLS AND LEADERS

At the Mackay House in Formosa

A LETTER TO CANADIAN GIRLS

A RUMOUR has gone abroad that there are to be delegations of young Presbyterians—delegations in fact or fancy, who cares?—to the Far East this year, so advance reports on available accommodation may be in order. Every house for itself! As for the Mackay house in Tamsui, a visit could hardly be more timely than in the near future, for the walls have just been freshly tinted, and the woodwork painted, so that the beautiful old white bungalow, which has been standing now well over fifty years, looks ''just like new''.

Let's hope the visit will be in summer for then, while the Canadian Academy in Kobe is for a short season deserted and silent, a few tens of homes in Japan, Korea, China, (and one home in Formosa) are restored to their normal condition—hatrack crowded with hats, books lying in easy chairs, young footsteps and voices all through the house, and, such a comfort, always some young person handy to scamper off to post a letter, or to send roaming the house in search of the scissors or hymn-book which one has left ''somewhere''.

The five children in this house, of course, would send an earnest warning, were they given a chance, and that warning would be, ''Don't come to Tamsui during Summer Vacation Bible School.'' We folks in Tamsui had a delightful S.V.B.S. for two short weeks this summer, ending by taking the morning service on Sunday, and the very next morning our family set off on a nine-day trip, in the course of which we climbed not only Formosa's highest mountain, but the highest peak in the whole Japanese Empire, Mt. Morrison, 13,035 feet high.

There's one thing that the young guests in the Mackay house can count on absolutely, and that is, as many interesting stories as they care to listen to. Last week on our hike we spent four nights in little mountain military stations, which we reached at about two o'clock in the afternoon, when the rain had already begun to fall. Lunch we had eaten on the road. The hot bath for which we longed was never ready before four. We sat around on the floor in a little room which contained besides ourselves only huge piles of blankets. We counted what were left us at one place, after some had been abstracted for another party of eight, and we had 28 left, and used them all, thick army blankets. The most popular use to which those two hours of waiting for the hot bath were put with us was, to all snuggle in under the blankets, and demand of Mr. Mackay stories, and more stories and more stories. I heard many stories last week, of savages and early Christians and their adventures, which I had never heard before.

Then one more thing which is quite important. Please will those who dislike dogs billet elsewhere, for we have two! No one will steal them before you come, at least no one else has ever expressed a desire to have them; but they certainly ''belong''. The name of the brown dog, Sam, was last week placed with a small British flag, the names of his two masters and their bosom friend, Siau Khek-Chhiong, in a glass bottle which was fastened at the very top of a wooden tripod, which stands on the very summit of Morrison. So we can pass over Sam's local reputation and make only the truthful statement ''His name stands high in Formosa.'' So all dog-lovers are welcome at the Mackay house.

Send us a cable from Kobe when to expect you. Cables are cheap between here and Japan. Be sure that you can't enjoy your stay here more than we shall enjoy having you.

Yours sincerely,
Jean Ross Mackay.

The writer of this letter is the daughter-in-law of Mackay of Formosa. When Mackay preached in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, many years ago, he described a thrilling experience he had when threatened with death by the natives. Seizing a British Flag and winding it around his person this intrepid patriot cowered them by saying, ''Shoot me if you will, but if you do, you will shoot through the British Flag and my death will be avenged upon you.''

MISSION BANDS

Keeping Promises

A MAN said recently of a boy in his employ, ''I am never afraid to go away and leave him. I know that when he promises to do a thing, it will be done.''

We never should make a promise unless we are ready and willing to keep it. A boy who does not keep his promises is a boy who cannot be trusted.

When David Livingstone, the great missionary, was on his last journey far into the interior of Africa, he became very ill. He had with him a few black men who had promised to stand by him.

One night, one of these faithful black men looked into Livingstone's hut, and saw him kneeling by his bed in prayer. Hours afterwards, he looked in again. The candle had burned down and was almost out, but the missionary was still kneeling. The black man went inside and found that Livingstone was dead. He had died while praying.

The next morning those black men talked things over to decide what they ought to do. It would have been easy to bury Livingstone there, and then to divide his things among them. No one ever would have known the difference.

But they had promised that they would stand by their beloved missionary, and they decided that they would not forsake him now. They embalmed his body the best they could. Then they raised it on their shoulders, and started on the long thousand-mile journey for the coast.

Some of them were killed on the way, but the rest never stopped till, after six months, they laid down their precious burden on the deck of a British warship at Zanzibar.

Several months later, the body of David Livingstone was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey at London. At the very head of a procession in which were the greatest men in England, marched Jacob Wainwright, one of that little band of African natives who had been willing to lay down their lives to keep their promise.—*Selected.*

Mother's Partner

A STURDY little figure she was, trudging bravely with a pail of water. So many times she had passed my gate that morning that curiosity prompted me to remark: ''You're a busy little girl to-day.''

''Yes'm.'' The round face under the broad hat turned toward me. It was freckled and perspiring, but cheerful withal. ''Yes'm; it takes a lot of water to do a washing.''

''And do you bring it all from the brook down there?''

''Oh, we have a well, only it's been such a dry time lately, that there's no water in it.''

''And is there nobody else to carry the water?''

''Nobody but mother, an' she's washing.''

''Well, you are a good girl to help her.''

It was a well-meant compliment; but the little water-carrier did not consider it one at all, for there was a look of surprise in her grey eyes and an almost indignant tone in her voice as she answered: ''Why, of course I help her. I help her to do things all the time. She hasn't anybody else. Mother'n I are partners.''—*Ex.*

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, we come to Thee at this time with hearts filled with gratitude for the many benefits which Thou hast bestowed upon us. We thank Thee for all the avenues of service Thou hast opened up before us, as mothers, wives and sisters. We thank Thee for the avenue of service in our home life. Help us to be faithful there. May we seek that which is noblest for our children and give the word of encouragement that will enable them to surrender their lives to Thee. We thank Thee for the avenue of service in our Church life. As W.M.S. women we have promised to stand by our Church and to support her Budget. Help us to remember that our Society is not the only organization in the Church, but that we are called upon to participate in all her activities. We thank Thee for the opportunities for service in our national life, in building this Canada of ours; for the privilege of ministering to those of other nationalities, yea, even of other faiths in our midst; for the many opportunities of carrying relief and bringing comfort to the sick and suffering ones; and of sending the gospel to those in the far-off lands. Help us, O Father, to tread these avenues of service with willing feet; to build the walls of our Zion well; to join them together, as did those of old who "had a mind to work." So we would present ourselves to Thee a living sacrifice that Thy Kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We ask all in the name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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THE semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Board met in Knox Church, Red Deer, on September 17th, with sixteen officers present. Steady progress was reported in all departments. The Treasurer reported $2,300 contributed; five new Mission Bands have been organized and five Life Memberships, eighteen Junior Memberships and six seals presented. The names of 498 adults and 240 children have been sent on to the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries. Mrs. Will Sanders, of Calgary, was appointed

Girls' Work Secretary, to succeed Miss Wilma Swinarton, whose resignation was regretfully accepted.

Auxiliaries are being asked to discuss the advisability of buying a lantern, the approximate cost will be about $100.

It was reported that the W.M.S. of Sarcee meets every week to provide for the time during the winter when meetings are either difficult to arrange, or impossible.

The Provincial annual meeting will be held in Grace Church, Calgary, February 18th and 19th, 1930. The invitation to meet in Lethbridge was regretfully declined.

Alberta has been honored by the appointment of the Rev. D. G. McQueen, D.D., of Edmonton, as one of the representatives of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to the first Assembly, marking the union of the Scottish Presbyterian Churches. Unfortunately, however, owing to indisposition, Dr. McQueen will be unable to attend.

Calgary Presbyterial held its semi-annual meeting in Grace Church, Calgary, on September 4th. Good reports were given by all the officers. Mrs. Hollingworth was appointed Mission Band Secretary and Mrs. R. L. Freeman, Press Secretary. Mrs. McPhee, of Pasadena, California, was the speaker and gave an inspiring message. The evening meeting was entirely in charge of the young people. The Young Women's Auxiliaries had charge of the devotional exercises; Mission Band children in costume gave a chorus; the C.G.I.T. contributed a duet, a chorus and two papers by Isabella Law and Margery Cavanna. Miss Robson spoke of the young woman's sphere in the Church; Miss Muldoon gave a report of the Council.

''The New Outlook on Missions'' was the subject of an excellent address by Professor James Adam at the September meeting of the W.M.S. of First Church, Edmonton. The quarterly contributions from the Home Helpers were $72. Mrs. Robert McRae gave a glimpse of the meetings of the Council, stressing the importance of work among young people.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. Wm. Cuthbert, 1820-5th Ave., W. Vancouver, Press Secretary

DURING the summer, many missionaries have passed through Vancouver on their way to different fields of labor. Those sailing on the *Empress of France* were tendered a reception in Central Church Hall. Rev. Dr. MacBeth presided and spoke words of encouragement and cheer to those who were leaving, as well as to those who were bidding farewell. Dr. and Mrs. Graham were journeying to Formosa to take charge of the work in ''MacKay'' Hospital. Miss E. MacDonald, from Sydney, N.S., was on her way to Japan to work among the Korean Presbyterians who have migrated there.

Other missionaries passing through Vancouver who have been given a loving farewell were Dr. and Mrs. Lowther, going to the Gwalior field, India, Dr. and Mrs. Howie, medical missionaries to the Bhil field, India, Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Koffend, and Miss Luella Crockett to Manchuria.

At the open meeting of Central Church W.M.S. an illustrated lecture on the Bhil field, India, was given by Mrs. W. J. White. Rev. J. M. MacGillivray gave a short address.

We rejoice to note a growing interest in the work of the Livingstone Church. Miss Jenkinson, deaconess, has organized a Mission Band, a Junior Choir, a W.M.S., a P.Y.P.A., and a Club for teen-age boys. The Mission Band invited our Chinese girls from the C.G.I.T. Group to visit them, and were in turn entertained by the Chinese Mission Band, under the direction of Miss Esther Dickman and Miss Sibyl Crawford.

Mrs. Ledingham, Provincial President, addressed Fairview Auxiliary, giving gleanings from the Council at Ottawa, and telling of happy experiences along the way. This address, filled as it was, with enthusiasm and inspiration, was greatly enjoyed.

The Autumn Presbyterial Rally took place in Central Church, Mrs. Herd presiding. A representative audience listened to Rev. J. M. MacGillivray whose address carried a message to all missionary workers. He brought greetings from the session and in closing, said that the real resource of our Society was not in material wealth but in the manhood and womanhood of the church. The task was to develop that source of wealth. Short addresses were given by several workers and undergraduate deaconesses. From all, even the Treasurer, an optimistic note was sounded.

The depository for missionary literature is to be open henceforth on *Thursday* of each week, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Dawson Building, Room 108, 193 Hastings St. E., Vancouver.

Victoria P.S.—At a special meeting of the Executive, Mrs. J. F. McLean, itinerating deaconess for British Columbia gave a report of her work on Vancouver Island during July. One of the fruits of her labor is a new Auxiliary at Port Alberni.

On her arrival in Victoria on September 4th, Miss Luella Crockett was entertained by several of the Presbyterial Executive. After a drive to the famous ''Buchart Gardens,'' and luncheon, she was accompanied to the great *S.S. Mishima Maru* on which she sailed to take up her work in the Orient.

A rally of the Auxiliaries in Victoria was held in St. Andrew's Church. Excellent reports of the Council meetings at Ottawa, were given by our delegates, Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Humphries.

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BRANDON P.S.—A large and interesting meeting of the W.M.S. of Zion Church, Wellwood (the Girl Guides also being present), was held on the lawn of Mrs. Clarke's home. A large representation was present from Neepawa and Carberry. Mrs. Dinsmore brought greetings from Neepawa and Mrs. Ellington from Carberry. Mrs. Flook gave the address of the afternoon and about eighty enjoyed the refreshments served by the Girl Guides.

The W.M.S. of Glen Souris met August 28th at the home of Mrs. Chapman and, in spite of the busy season, was well attended. The President, Mrs. Dunseith, presided. Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Presbyterial President, Mrs. A. J. McDonald and Mrs. J. A. Gray, came from Brandon, and Mrs. A. J. McDonald gave a most inspiring message urging each one to exemplify her love for Christ in her daily life. She also urged the great necessity for W.M.S. members to obey Christ's command, ''Feed My Sheep.'' Mrs. J. A. McDonald reviewed the Council meetings, giving a wonderful picture of our various workers and their stations. Mrs. Gray spoke briefly on the importance of Mission Band work and urged the members to reorganize their Band and prepare for their Thank-offering. Every one felt it was a very profitable meeting.

Superior P.S.—The Y. W. Guild of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, has decided to furnish the pulpit chairs and communion table for the West Fort William Church which is now under construction. This very energetic band of young women finds some special object to work for every year besides helping the W.M.S. Presbyterial.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

LINDSAY P.S.—In referring to the semi-annual meeting of this Presbyterial in the July-August *Glad Tidings* the name of the chief speaker, Mrs. H. C. McKellar, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, was inadvertently omitted.

Saugeen P.S.—The first sectional meeting of this Presbyterial held at Moorefield, September 11th, was attended by 75 delegates from Palmerston, Arthur, Drayton, Moorefield and Rothsay. Miss Margaret McKenzie, Palmerston, delegate to the Knox College Summer School, Mrs. Dulmage and Mrs. M. F. Cree, were the speakers.

Toronto P.S.—A rally of Toronto Presbyterial was held in Glenview Church, Toronto, on September 26th, with a large attendance at both afternoon and evening sessions. The speakers were Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant, Rev. F. G. Vesey. Miss Janet Haig, Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne, Mrs. John Davey and the Rev. Edgar Foreman also spoke. Mrs. J. S. Hilts, Presbyterial President, presided, and Mrs. James Logie welcomed the delegates of whom there were 340. The closing words were given by the minister, Rev. H. E. Abraham.

PROVINCIAL BOARD

The Board of Management met in St. Paul's Church, Bathurst Street, Toronto, on October 3rd and 4th for its semi-annual meeting. The twenty-six Presbyterial Presidents and twenty-two departmental Secretaries, who were present, had many problems to present and upon them much enlivening discussion ensued. Sometimes a solution was not easily found and then the delegates were asked to seek a settlement of local difficulties in the spirit of the aims of the Society. Mrs. E. Anderson, Toronto; Mrs. J. A. Locheed, Hamilton; Mrs. T. E. Langford, Simcoe; Mrs. Geo. P. Duncan, Stratford; Miss S. E. Orr, Stratford, members of the Board who had attended the Council meeting deepened the impressions already formed of that notable gathering by the reports which they gave on certain selected departments. The Treasurer's statement of receipts for the first nine months of the year was $51,706.73, an increase of $1234 over the same period last year.

At the two luncheon intervals addresses were delivered. On the 3rd Mrs. Daniel Strachan encouraged her hearers with statements regarding the wonderful progress made in all branches of our work; on the 4th, Miss Mamie Fraser created much enthusiasm by outlining the plans she has in mind for the enlargement of ''The Glad Tidings.''

Miss E. Lillian Mowat, of Kingston, 4th Vice-President, presented to the Provincial Society a gavel made of Canadian walnut.

New members without portfolio are Mrs. R. L. McIntyre and Mrs. F. H. Larkin, of Toronto.

Guelph P.S.—The Auxiliaries and Mission Bands of Guelph Presbyterial have been busily preparing their bales for the west. St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Fergus, again received a substantial contribution from the Home Helpers' Department. The ''Matheson'' M.B. of Knox Church, Preston, realized $16.75 from an afternoon tea and candy sale held on September 21st, for the furnishing of the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'', at Amkhut, India.

Peterborough P.S.—There were eighty delegates present at the sectional meeting of Peterborough Presbyterial, held in St. Andrew's Church, Hastings, September 20th. The President, Mrs. D. Ewart, reported concisely the annual meeting of Council. Other reports were received from Presbyterial Secretaries and Auxiliary members.

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PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S.—Miss Laura Pelton addressed the regular W.M.S. meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, September 12th. Mrs. D. Guthrie and Mrs. Hogg led the devotions. Following the meeting Miss Anna Brell, assistant Superintendent of the Presbyterian School Home, Saskatoon, who is leaving shortly, was presented with a silver tea service by the members of the Society. Mrs. W. G. Browning read the address and Mrs. W. G. Brown presented the gift.

We regret the great loss to our Church of Mrs. H. Sharp. She was one of our first Life Members, and a valued worker in all branches of our Church work.

Regina P.S.—At the June and September meeting of First Church, Regina, Mrs. Ralston and Mrs. Robb gave summaries of some of the outstanding addresses delivered at the Council meeting in Ottawa.

The Provincial Executive met September 19th. Mrs. H. R. Horne presided. Several out-of-town members of the Board were present.

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CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

Committees—page 5—Under Nominating Committee, delete the name of Mrs. D. D. Calvin and insert the name of Miss Margaret M. Reid, as Convener.

Formosa—page 73—Add to staff of missionaries in Taihoku, Miss Ethel M. Chisholm (a 1928 appointee).

Barrie P.S.—page 126—Recording Secretary—Mrs. James McMartin, Barrie; Exchange Secretary—Mrs. D. Hopper, Cookstown.

Glengarry P.S.—page 135—In the list of officers the name of Mrs. John Currie, Crysler, as Literature Secretary was inadvertently omitted.

British Columbia — Kamloops-Okanagan P.S. —page 102— Change in officers: President, Mrs. W. B. McKechnie, Armstrong; Treasurer, Miss Ruby Blyth, Canoe; Secretaries, Rec., Mrs. D. B. Johnstone, Kamloops; Cor., Mrs. W. J. Smith, Armstrong; Y.W., C.G.I.T., and M.B., Mrs. Kennedy, Kamloops; Home Helpers, Mrs. Zufelt, Canoe; Supply, Mrs. Akitt, Armstrong; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Fowlie, Penticton; Library and Literature, Mrs. Duchemin, Kamloops; Costume and Lantern Slide, Mrs. Conklin, Penticton.

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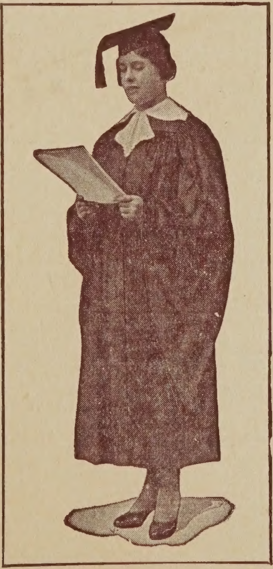

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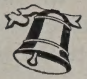

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Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine.
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all,
No palace too great and no cottage too small,
The angels who welcome him sing from the height,
"In the City of David a King in his might."
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred for sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light,
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

—Phillips Brooks

Editorial

DR. GUSHUE-TAYLOR, Superintendent of the "Mackay Memorial" Hospital in Taihoku, Formosa, was a very welcome visitor at the Council Executive in late September. The main object of his visit was to lay the great need of the leper people in North Formosa before the members, and to enlist their interest and financial assistance in the project he has in mind and to which he is devoting his time and strength.

Taking as his theme our Lord's command, "Cleanse the lepers" Dr. Taylor went on to show that in Formosa, in particular, this is an essential piece of missionary work. Our Church has been in Formosa for fifty-seven years, healing the sick, preaching the gospel, opening the eyes of the blind, and virtually raising the dead. To prove the last statement Dr. Taylor instanced a case known to him of a man so ill he was bleeding to death. Still, he lived. But we have not touched the essential work in any way, that is, the leper work. It is our duty, and is essential if we are to make one hundred per cent. appeal for Christianity. The Formosan people are looking to us to do something worth while for these people. We should build a home or sample village where we could care for say five per cent. of them, and then bring pressure on the government to do what it should do and will do if we but give them a lead. True, this is the work of the government, but they are not Christians and it is for us to show that Christianity has a vital connection with the life of the people.

Leper work is something no one wants to touch and yet hospitals for those sadly afflicted people are found in Japan, Siam, Canton, Honolulu, and India. But there is no hospital for them in Formosa. We have to get something of the realism into all our work. We are trustees, stewards. If we are not our own then everything should be dedicated to the service of God.

Our first duty, even should leper work be begun, is to maintain the staff and to keep the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital open and the work going. The government expects us to do this.

The ''Happy Mount Leper Colony,'' is the name that has been chosen, and, in order that there may be a continual sermon before them, they intend to name the cottages the Fruits of the Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, etc. They have a beautiful site in view, some ten miles from Taihoku. Dr. Taylor believes firmly that the undertaking will be the greatest testimony to missionary work. Already thirty articles have appeared in the Formosan newspaper reflecting on leper work, and questioning why are Christians doing this? The answer is, ''It is the dynamic of Christianity.''

The plan, which has been approved by our Formosan Council and endorsed by the Government General of Formosa, is to have fifty cottages of reinforced concrete, with electric lighting, water piped to half a dozen sites, walks and roads, an open air exercise ground, a chapel, and a dispensary for the blind and infirm lepers. To show the real desire of these people to help, Dr. Taylor told of thirty-seven blind lepers subscribing forty dollars, and a man in Molokai, where Father Damien worked, who gave him $1.00 toward it. Dr. Taylor assured him that he would take his gift round the world with him and get $1,000 for the blind and infirm lepers, which he did. Seventy-five people are backing Dr. Taylor in this enterprise who are not Christians.

Dr. Taylor does not wish this to be a big undertaking. There are some four thousand lepers in Formosa, and the intention is to care for two hundred. The government has indicated its willingness to have the Christians take charge of the work and have said that money for this project may be collected for the next four years. It has also promised Dr. Taylor land for a site and, in addition, has granted the same freedom in teaching religion in the proposed model colony as was accorded the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital.

Dr. Taylor looks forward to the time when the Formosan Church will be self-propagating and self-supporting.

The Council Executive were deeply impressed with Dr. Taylor's presentation of the project and would hope that the money may be forthcoming so that our Society may have even a small share in this great and needy work.

IN THIS ISSUE will be found a short account of the reunion of the Scottish Churches. As we read the story of this great and moving spectacle, let us remember two things, first: ''That though the Scottish Church has seen within her ranks several saddening secessions, not one of them was a secession from Presbyterianism'', and second: That a similar reunion was effected in Canada in 1875 when the various branches of the Presbyterian Church were reunited under the name The Presbyterian Church in Canada. And our prayer is, that the Mother Church, with a history stretching back through the centuries, may experience in this reunion the same impetus in her life and missionary effort that crowned the reunion of her daughter Churches in Canada fifty-seven years ago, and that the reunited Church of Scotland will be granted long years of renewed strength through the blessing and guidance of Almighty God.

THE LOSS OF THE MACALPINE PARTY and their romantic rescue by three Eskimo, one of which was a woman, has suddenly turned the eyes of the Empire towards the Arctic. As a W.M.S. we have followed the fliers with interest, for Col. MacAlpine is a Presbyterian and a member of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and Mrs. MacAlpine is one of our W.M.S. members, and a former Presbyterial officer. For his deliverance and that of his comrades from death and those near and dear to them from sorrow we give thanks.

A further item about the Arctic which should interest our W.M.S. members is that as soon as the northern freeze-up occurs, the Fort McMurray-Aklavik air mail service will be inaugurated and the first mail flight will be made within the Arctic circle. Mail carried on this northern flight will bear 26 cachets depicting various hinterland scenes and will make valuable additions to amateur stamp collections. The mail aeroplanes, operating from Fort McMurray as a southern base, will go north to Aklavik via Fort Chipewyan, Fort Fitzgerald, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Hay River, Fort Providence, Arctic Red River and Fort McPherson.

The Church of England in its *Bulletin of Arctic Mission Activities* tells that a new mission is being established at the most northerly trading point on the American Continent at Pond's Inlet, Baffin Land, and the first residential school in Canada for Eskimo children only is now under way at Shingle Point in the Arctic Ocean. This school is inter-diocesan, not under the Indian Residential School Commission, but wholly under the Arctic Mission Committee, and a great deal of interest is being taken in the matter, not only by those connected with the Mission, but by others.

Miss Macarthur, our port worker at Quebec, has many interesting facts to relate. Speaking to her recently she mentioned two. One was that last year, some 11,031 Presbyterians arrived at that port. This year there were about 13,000 and of that number over 5,800 have gone to Ontario. The other was that the government appointed their first Hungarian interpreter for the season that we appointed Miss Bernath to assist Miss Macarthur. Miss Bernath was the only woman who could speak Hungarian and her assistance was sought both in hospital and on the dock. The railways appreciate the fact that we are taking an interest in the non-British people who are coming to make their home in Canada.

Everybody celebrates Christmas. The *Glad Tidings* is so happy over the increasing subscription list that it decided to celebrate by changing its blue and white coat for a buff and brown of better quality. Plans are in progress for increasing the efficiency of the magazine and we hope, in time, its size.

We greatly regret that owing to illness, Mrs. A. R. McMurrich has been obliged to relinquish her India Secretaryship temporarily. The duties of this office are being taken by Mrs. C. S. McDonald.

Our hearts go out in sympathy at this season to those, known and unknown to us, who sorrow. Especially do we think of Miss Agnes I. Dickson who has been called to part with her beloved mother. May all who are sick or sad of heart know the abundant richness of God's comfort.

We would ask the prayers of our members for success for the negotiations for disarmament and peace as an outcome of the Five Powers Conference in London in January.

We regret that an inaccuracy appeared in the November British Columbia Provincial News. It stated that among the missionaries going to India were Dr. and Mrs. Lowther. This should read Rev. A. A. Lowther, Mr. Lowther is a minister and an unmarried man.

The "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

A Brief History

THE ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School was opened in 1902 and was named in memory of one of our Women's Missionary Society Secretaries of Indian work, who had given long service in the work of the north-west. For a couple of years previous to this date, pioneering work had been carried on by Rev. A. D. McKittrick among the bands of Indians living on the Reserves round the Lake-of-the-Woods and Shoal Lake. These Indians were all pagans, but they received the missionary kindly and listened to his conversation and teaching. Mr. McKittrick had a knowledge of Cree which was a great help to him in his study of Ojibway and enabled him to converse with them in their own language.

A site for a school was chosen between Shoal Lake and Rice Bay, near the boundary line of Ontario and Manitoba and forty-five miles from the town of Kenora. The government granted ten acres free and one hundred and ninety more for a mere nominal sum, which would prevent anyone settling too near the school. The money to build this school was provided by the Women's Missionary Society.

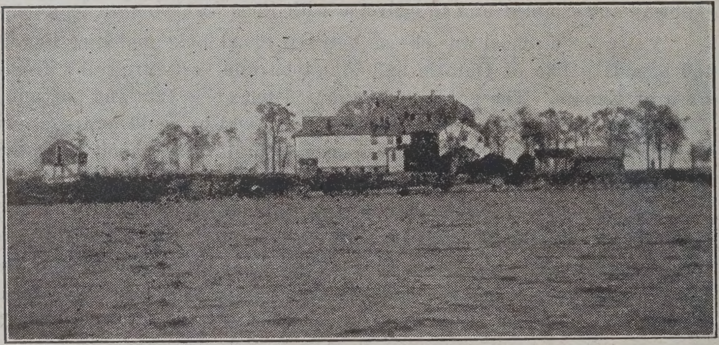
The school, a commodious substantial building, two and one-half storeys high, and thirty-eight by sixty feet, with accommodation for forty children and staff, was opened in January, 1902. After the dinner to the Chief and principal Indians, articles were signed by which they promised to send their children. The Chief at once brought his four, and the Chief Councillor three until nine were gathered. These children never having gone to school, it was thought best to take in only twenty-five to begin with.

While the school was in process of erection, Mrs. McKittrick endeavored to reach the women and, after many efforts, much tact, and the giving of a cup of tea, she succeeded, and ere long they came to her with their troubles and trials, then they began to come for tempting food and medicine for their sick and were anxious for the missionary to visit them.

The Indians were delighted with the school and its equipment, and began building houses close to it which meant that they came more under its inflence. Even those from a distance who opposed it brought their children. In one year the children made a remarkable advance in neatness and thoroughness of work out of school and rapid progress and increasing interest in the school room.

The year 1905 saw forty names on the roll. It was the most successful year in the history of the school, not only in attendance, but in progress and influence. The scholars had begun to show the effects of earnest Christian teaching in their lives and characters and some older students had accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. In December two of the graduates were united in Christian marriage and established a Christian home. From the very beginning worship was conducted in the school morning and evening. The class room work was also opened with Bible reading and prayer. On Sunday there was a morning service, Sunday School in the afternoon and a song service in the evening.

In 1909, an Auxiliary composed of the older girls of the school was formed. It had a special educational value in teaching the Indian girls Christian duties, privileges, responsibilities and methods of organization which they could use in any Christian work they might undertake among their own people. Three years later a Mission Band was organized and so anxious were the smaller girls to do something to help outside of meeting, that they were given material and they made quilts for babies.



The old "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

And so the work grew. By 1923, there were enough children in the district to fill two large schools. Despite the fact that the school had been remodelled and enlarged in 1912, there was not sufficient class room accommodation for the children who sought admission. New features were introduced such as public health nursing, with the result that one of the girls entered one of the W.M.S. hospitals to take a regular course of nursing, and our hope is that several others will take a similar course, while one of the senior boys took an advanced course in studies to enable him to help his own people. The attendance mounted steadily until the original nine have increased to eighty.

No review of the past would be complete without some reference to the Principals and staff who, in this isolated spot and amid many difficulties, accomplished such a fine piece of work for the Indians and the Church. The list of Principals includes the names of: Rev. Mr. Gandier; Mr. J. D. McGregor; Rev. F. T. Dodds; Mr. Matthews; Rev. P. Martin; Rev. J. T. Ross; Mr. W. Cookson; Rev. A. D. Menzies.

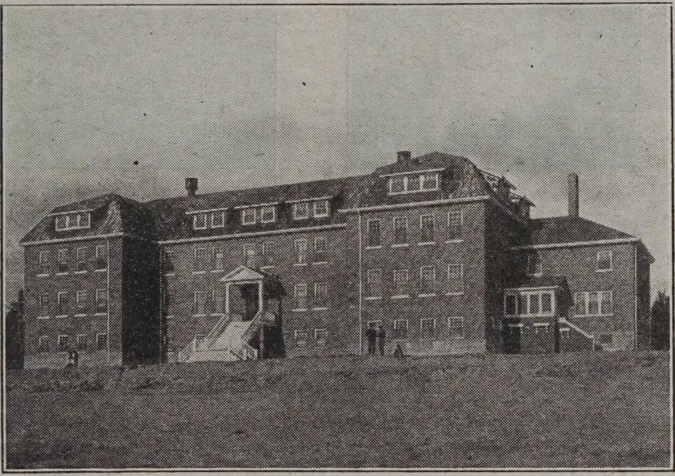
The closing of this school sees the closing of a chapter in the history of the work among the Indians rich in result that no statistical table can ever tabulate.

On November 6th, we begin again a fresh chapter in the "Cecilia Jeffrey" School, and our hope is, in the years to come, to fit many boys and girls for work, and missionary service.

Whereas the old school was built with the funds of the W.M.S., a new policy has been inaugurated, and the new school has been built and equipped by the Department of Indian Affairs, and we wish publicly and through our official magazine to thank the Department who, through the erection of this fine school, have made it possible for us to carry on a much larger and more efficient work.—M.C.G.F.

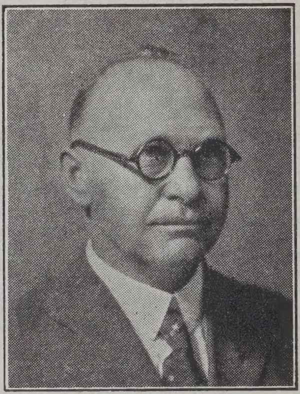
New "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School Officially Opened

THE official opening of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario, took place at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, November 6th, in the presence of a large and representative gathering. The Principal, Mr. E. W. Byers, and Mrs. Byers, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll and Mrs. Daniel Strachan, of Toronto, received the guests at the entrance to the Chapel. Among those present were:—



The new "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

Col. A. T. Fife, ex-Mayor; Mayor E. Hutchinson, M.P.P.; Dr. Ferguson, Indian Department Physician, Medical Officer of Health; Bishop Dewdney, Church of England; Archdeacon Lofthouse, Church of England; Canon Fairies, Church of England; Rev. R. Nairn, Treasurer of Ontario Government; Mr. Frainie, Superintendent C.P.R.; Mr. I. J. Chamberlain, Manager Maple Leaf Milling Company; Chief of Police Gordon; Fire Chief Dubois; Rev. H. Dickson, United Church; Mrs. Thos. Delbridge; Mrs. Evans; Captain F. Edwards; Dr. Snider, Official Dentist; W. H. Dickenson, Manager Bank of Nova Scotia, President of Boy Scouts; H. H. Tate, Manager Royal Bank; Chief J. China, Shoal Lake Band; Councillor Joe Crow, Big Island Band. Letters of regret were received from Dr. Scott, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs, Dr. W. M. Rochester, Editor of *The Presbyterian Record,* who had much to do with the building of the first school, and other interested friends.



Mr. E. W. Byers, Principal

Mrs. E. W. Byers, Matron

After the guests had been received they were shown through the building by members of the staff, then they returned to the Chapel for the opening services.

Principal Byers presided, and on the platform with him were:—Mr. Earl Hutchinson, M.P.P., representing the government; Capt. Edwards, the Department of Indian Affairs; Mrs. Daniel Strachan and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Toronto, and Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Winnipeg, the Women's Missionary Society.

After the singing of the National Anthem, Principal Byers gave a short introductory statement and introduced Mr. Earl Hutchinson, M.P.P., who made a brief address and, in closing, on behalf of the Government, handed over the key of the school to Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Secretary of Indian Schools, for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mrs. McKerroll, in receiving the key for the Society thanked the Government and the Department of Indian Affairs for the fine and splendidly equipped building, and promised that, as a Society, we would carry on the work of the School as efficiently as possible.

Captain Edwards, the next speaker, gave a short history of the School from its opening in 1902, with a statement of the monies expended on this School by the Department of Indian Affairs since then.

The Presbytery of Winnipeg, led by the Moderator in his robes, then came to the platform and took charge and conducted the service of dedication. Rev. N. A. MacEachren, of Winnipeg, was Acting Moderator, and other members of Presbytery present were:— Rev. J. O. Ralston and Rev. David Johnstone, of Winnipeg. Rev. W. M. Mackay, Synodical Superintendent, sat as a corresponding member.

The service opened with the singing of Psalm 86—Old Hundred. Rev. J. O. Ralston read the scripture lesson—Psalm 84; and Rev. David Johnstone led in prayer. A very beautiful dedication service was then conducted by the Moderator, Rev. N. A. MacEachren, the congregation joining in the response. Hymn 295, ''The Church's One Foundation'' was sung.

Capt. Edwards
Indian Agent, Kenora, to whose unfailing courtesy we owe so much.

Mrs. MacEachren then introduced Mrs. D. Strachan, President of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Strachan referred briefly to the responsibilities of the Women's Missionary Society in connection with the training of the Indian children, and expressed the hope that from this School some Indian girls would soon come to the Missionary and Deaconess Home in Toronto, for training for work among their own people.

Rev. W. M. Mackay then spoke stressing the gratitude of the Church for this new building.

Principal Byers spoke briefly expressing his thanks to the citizens of Kenora for their kindly co-operation.

Rev. N. A. MacEachren pronounced the benediction.

Principal and Mrs. Byers entertained the out of town guests at dinner in the evening at the Tourist Hotel.

The School is a fine red brick building two and a half stories in height, with an extension to one side in which is the chapel. The Principal's residence also forms a part of the building with a door connecting it and the school proper. The school is beautifully situated on rising ground and overlooking a lovely little lake. All the buildings necessary for carrying on farm work are also on the land adjoining the School. The property includes 168 acres of land, 70 of which are already under cultivation, the remainder is covered with wood. The dormitories are large, sunny and airy as, indeed, are all the rooms. The School has accommodation for 125 pupils. At present there are 82 boys and girls in attendance, leaving adequate room for expansion.

The Reunion of the Scottish Churches

[The material for this article describing the reunion of the Scottish Presbyterian Churches, has been taken from the *Record of the Church of Scotland* and from articles by Dr. Norman MacLean and other Church dignitaries, which appeared in the special supplement of *The Scotsman* devoted to this great event.—EDITOR.]

THE second of October, 1929, provided a new date in Scottish story for that day, in the stately city of Edinburgh, the reunited Church of Scotland entered a greatly enlarged sphere of opportunity and service and became again as it was in the past, the principal moral force in Scotland.

''It was a day with gleams and sunshine, and flecked with shadows, in which the two streams of Scottish Presbyterians separated for eighty-six years, came together at the top of Bank Street, and flowed into St. Giles'—the Temple of Conciliation. The scenes that preceded were impressive—the slow emptying of the two Assembly Halls, the issuing of the processions until at last the halls were tenantless. It was all very different from the great scene in St. Andrew's Church in 1843, when nearly half left and half remained. That was a scene of triumph and desolation, of glory and of tragedy. But, to-day nobody was left. Dense crowds watched the meeting of the two streams. As the two Moderators shook hands a cheer passed down the High Street. Some of the crowd raised the strains of a psalm. The united procession then moved four abreast and so passed into the Church of John Knox. As the procession went up the nave, the white Christ in the great east window glowed as if in benediction. It was a solemn thing to watch the ministers and elders come in. Church of Scotland and United Free Church of Scotland side by side. It took forty minutes ere the Church was filled, and at the end men stood against the walls for the great Cathedral could not seat all that throng.

A Great Heritage

''The first tense moment came when the west door was flung open and the Lord High Commissioner, His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, preceded by the Moderators and officials, came slowly up the nave beneath the flags, torn and thin, which have been borne on many fields of blood, and as they came the great congregation sang,

'I joyed when to the House of God
Go up, they said to me.'

''All the service was deeply solemn and moving, not because of anything said or done, but because of the triumph of the Spirit of God which there manifested itself. The centuries brooded over all; the voice of Knox seemed still to echo in the vaulted roof; Ebenezer Erskine made his protest here in the Assembly of St. Giles.' As the great congregation sang, 'The Church's One Foundation' the Moderators and ex-Moderators and Assembly officials accompanied His Grace to the east door, and the service of conciliation ended.

''It was, however, in the Hall of Assembly in Annandale Street, at two o'clock that the most solemn and moving part of the day's celebration was enacted. Vast crowds lined the streets and every corner was filled with a dense mass of people drawn from every part of Scotland. The ancient nobility of Scotland, the officials of all the counties, the Senators of the College of Justice, the civic rulers, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Lord Davidson of Lambeth, and the Archbishop of Wales were there. In front of the platform were delegates from the ends of the earth. At the back of the platform was a special enclosure for the Lord High Commissioner who received a great welcome. No Lord High Commissioner ever faced a throng like that. It was an assemblage of about 13,000 men and women.

The Solemn Moment

''It was very fitting that Principal Martin should preside at the opening service for he had borne the heat and burden of the day. With unexampled patience and unerring wisdom he brought his Church to follow the Pillar of Fire that summoned them to arise. The opening psalm, sung to Duke Street, stirred the heart:—

'Thy saints take pleasure in her stones;
Her very dust to them is dear

. . . .

And generations yet unborn
Shall praise and magnify the Lord.'

''After a prayer of thanksgiving, Lord Sands moved the resolution ratifying union in a short speech glowing with faith and hope. It was a speech worthy of a great occasion, and deserved the ovation it won. Dr. R. J. Drummond seconded, in a model speech. Principal Martin thereupon put the motion to the Assembly from the chair. The whole assemblage rose as one man. The members of the Assembly lifted up their right hands in assent, and so remained with uplifted hands while Dr. Martin and Dr. Mitchell made the declarations of union. It was in tones vibrating with emotion that Dr. Martin spoke the great words: 'In the presence of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, I declare the Act of Union to have been finally adopted, and that the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church of Scotland are now become one Church in Christ Jesus, under the designation of the Church of Scotland.' A great wave of emotion swept through the vast hall. Tears were on many faces as the Moderators gave each other the right hand of fellowship. The voices of the Moderators were as strophe and anti-strophe. 'Here in the presence of God Most High we pledge ourselves in solemn covenant,' said Dr. Mitchell, and Dr. Martin replied, 'And in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit we invoke the Divine blessing on our Act.' Then the great throng burst into praise:—

'Now blessed be the Lord our God,
The God of Israel

. . . . .

The whole earth let His glory fill
Amen, so let it be.'

"'Many Communion services in Scotland have ended with these verses; but they were never sung like this—with a rapture that saw the glory of God filling the whole earth. Then came a dramatic moment in the solemn and soul stirring proceedings—the signing of the Uniting Act. And Dr. Mitchell thereafter offered a prayer of devout thanksgiving.

The First Moderator

"The Assembly of the reunited Church of Scotland then performed its first act. It elected Dr. John White the first Moderator. And then the time-honored ritual began. The King's Commission to His Royal Highness was read; and the King's letter which said in part:—

'Although it will not be possible for us personally to visit, as we had hoped the first Assembly of the reunited Church, yet it is a source of deep joy and of gratitude to God that we are able to address you on this memorable occasion to assure you of our great interest in your festival of union, and to convey to you our earnest hope and confidence that our beloved Church of Scotland will, from henceforth, be blessed in her labours for the proclamation of the Gospel to the people and the advancement of the spiritual life of the realm.'

"The Prime Minister of Great Britain, the Right Honorable J. Ramsay MacDonald, sent the following message:

'The day of reunion will, I hope, be remembered as one of the most notable landmarks of Scottish history. All Scotsmen will join with me in the fervent hope that the re-united Church will use its power and influence to make religion a continuing strength in the Scottish Church and Presbyterianism a vital form of national worship.'

"And then His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, addressing the Assembly as Lord High Commissioner of the re-united Church of Scotland, conveyed to the members 'the full assurance of His Majesty's interest in and love for the Church of Scotland, of his great sense of zeal for her service, and of his determination to uphold the cause of Presbyterian government in Scotland'

"The Moderator, thereupon assured the Lord High Commissioner of the joy they had in having him again with them, and added a special word of welcome to Her Grace, the Duchess of York. In the address that followed to the Assembly, Dr. White showed all those qualities of vision and faith which have already moved mountains. It was an utterance of moving eloquence. Then at the end they sang a song triumphing in the Communion of Saints, 'Hark how the adoring hosts above with songs surround the Throne.''

"Twenty-one years ago re-union was suggested and the negotiations prolonged and delicate bore fruit on October 2nd, 1929. The reunited Church of Scotland will have a membership of over a million and a half and will be entirely free from interference by the State."

Every end is a new beginning, and the Church of Scotland in the power of the reunited forces has now to face the task of ministering to the soul of the nation with renewed vigor.

Redeeming the Time

"Lo! amid the press,
The whirl and hum and pressure of my day,
I hear Thy garments sweep, Thy seamless dress,
And close beside my work and weariness
Discern Thy gracious form, not far away,
But very near, O Lord, to help and bless.

The busy fingers fly, the eyes may see
Only the glancing needle which they hold,
But all my life is blossoming inwardly,
And every breath is like a litany;
While through each labour, like a thread of gold,
Is woven the sweet consciousness of Thee!"

—Susan Coolidge.

The First Christmas Carol Ever Written in Canada was Sung by the Huron Indians

IN the region of Ontario, lying between Orillia and Penetanguishene, Father Jean de Brebeuf preached Christianity to the Huron Indians from 1626 to 1629, and again from 1634 until his death in 1649. A famous scholar and linguist, this tall, brown-bearded, indomitable ''black-robe!'' ''What an excellent man for these countries is Father de Brebeuf,'' wrote Father Le Jeune in 1634. ''His most fortunate memory, his amiability and gentleness will be productive of much good among the Hurons.''

A good memory was vital to the task of learning the vowel-ridden Huron language. Its verbs had double conjugations, its compounding of words, together with a total lack of five or six of the consonants common to all European and classic tongues, left most white men helpless. More than one missionary failed to solve its intricacies and had to go preaching elsewhere.

Father de Brebeuf acquired the language during his first visit and won the high favor of the people. They gave him a Huron name, Echom, and on his return welcomed him right heartily. His report to the Superior of the Order at Quebec, found in the Relation of 1635, contained the following sentences:

''The usual method of instruction is this: We call together the people by the help of the captain of the village, who assembles them in our house as in council, or perhaps by the use of the bell. I use the surplice and the square cap to give more majesty to my appearance. At the beginning we chant on our knees the Lord's Prayer, translated into Huron verse. * * * The Hurons, principally the little ones who already know it, take pleasure in chanting it with us and the others in listening. That done, when everyone is seated, I rise and make the sign of the cross for all; then having recapitulated what I said the last time, I explain something new. After that we question the young children, giving a little bead of glass or porcelain to those who deserve it.''

In the year 1645 he wrote: ''The Indians have a particular devotion for the night that was enlightened by the birth of the Son of God. They built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches in honor of the manger of the Infant Jesus. * * * Even those who were at a distance of more than two days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honor of the new-born Child.''

One of these hymns was preserved by tradition among the remnant of the Huron nation, settled at Lorette, Quebec, since 1650. It was written down, as heard, by Father de Villeneuve, S.J., who was stationed at Lorette from 1747 to 1794. The Hurons declare that it was written by Father de Brebeuf and taught by him to their ancestors. (The figure 8 is an approximation to the special character invented by the Priest to represent an odd vowel sound—''ou'' or ''ow''.)

''Estennialon de tson8e Jes8s ahatonhia onna8ate8a d'oki n'on8andask8aentak quuonchien sk8atrihotat n'os8adilonrachatha Jes8s ahatonhia.''

*JESOUS AHATONHIA

Huron Christmas Carol

'Twas in the moon of winter time when all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars grew dim,
And wand'ring hunters heard the hymn:
''Jesus, your King, is born;
Jesus is born,
In Excelsis Gloria.''

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found.
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped His beauty 'round.
And as the braves drew nigh
Then angel song rang loud and high:
''Jesus, your King, is born;
Jesus is born,
In Excelsis Gloria.''

The earliest moon of winter time is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on the helpless Infant there,
When Chiefs from far before Him knelt,
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
''Jesus, your King, is born;
Jesus is born,
In Excelsis Gloria.''

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heav'n is born to-day for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant Boy
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy,
''Jesus, your King, is born;
Jesus is born,
In Excelsis Gloria.''

—Orillia News-Letter in *The Living Message.*

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* Rous and Mann, Publishers, have issued a beautiful little booklet containing the above carol. It is entitled "Jesous Ahatonhia; Huron Christmas Carol," translation into English being made by J. E. Middleton, and the illustrations by Stanley E. Turner.

Reverend C. F. Andrews Visits British Guiana

Miss Selina Cropper

BRITISH GUIANA had been for many weeks on the tiptoe of expectation of a visit from Mr. Andrews, when on the morning of May 18th, the ''Lady Hawkins'' brought to our shores the long looked for guest, the friend of Mahatma Gandhi, the servant of Jesus Christ. The friendship of Mahatma Gandhi for Mr. Andrews is so deep that Mahatma calls him his brother, and has given him the name of ''Dina Bandhu,'' which means Friend of the Poor.

Mr. Andrews came as the goodwill missionary between India and British Guiana to look into the question of colonization, a question that has been occupying a vital place in the minds of our leaders for some years.

Through Mr. Andrews' wide knowledge of men and conditions these two countries hope to derive benefit and help from his counsel and advice.

Mr. Andrews was the guest of the East Indian Association of British Guiana, and every facility was given him for the best disposition of his time, both by the Association and the Government.

On the 20th a welcome meeting was held in the Town Hall under the auspices of this Association. The hall was filled, mostly with East Indians, while many with disappointed faces stood outside. As Mr. Andrews passed through this disappointed crowd, the kind heart of ''Dina Bandhu'' could not be satisfied knowing that so many were shut out, and he asked that they might all be permitted to come in. With hurried steps they crowded in and the hall was taxed to its capacity. As Mr. Andrews entered he was greeted with shouts of joy, ''Mahatma Gandhi, jai, jai!'' (hail, hail). An address of welcome was presented and several speeches followed. Mr. Andrews thanked them for their kindness and told of his love for and interest in all nations, thus winning the high regard of all present. There were representatives of at least five peoples among the audience.

Rev. C. F. Andrews

While occupying this national position, so to speak, Mr. Andrews is primarily the Ambassador of his Lord, and one of the early questions he asked your senior missionary, Dr. Cropper, who was one of those to welcome him on the steamer, was ''What can I do for you tomorrow?'' Plans were formed for him to take a part of the regular route of the missionary on that day.

By the 1 p.m. ferry on Sunday Mr. Andrews crossed to Vreedenhoop and drove nine miles up the bank of the Demerara River to the large estate of Wales. Word had been sent to the catechist of the district, and in our Parker Memorial School hall Mr. Andrews addressed an audience of over 400. Mohammedans, Hindus and Christians all gathered together to listen to the Prophet from the East.

Returning to town Mr. Andrews again addressed an overflowing congregation at St. Cuthberts, our little church at the north east end of the city. Here he spoke in English as the greater part of the audience were more familiar with it than with their mother tongue. Rapt attention was given him as he spoke on the 23rd Psalm. At the close of the service he spoke in Hindi to the group of white turbanned men who were so desirous of hearing him.

The following Sunday we were invited to attend a service in the Hindu Temple at Windsor Forest on the west coast, where the Hindu Pandits and others desired to accord Mr. Andrews the greatest honor Indian custom offers to those loved and esteemed, namely the ceremony of ''garlanding.''

Crossing by the 1 p.m. boat we had a drive of five miles to Windsor Forest, arriving in time to join in the procession to the temple.

To our delight Mr. Andrews appeared in spotless white Indian apparel. On foot with many others, we followed the motor which was taking Mr. Andrews to the temple, and as we drew near we were greeted with the subdued sound of the blowing of shells which are used instead of bells to call the people to prayer. On crossing the little bridge and entering the grounds on which the temple stands Mr. Andrews was greeted by a group of school children, who welcomed him by singing the National Anthem. Passing on he was met at the door by Pandits who placed around his neck a garland of creamy white Frangipani blossoms.

We ladies were invited to enter the temple if we would remove our shoes, which we did, and found that chairs had been placed at the sides for guests. Mr. Andrews and his immediate circle, including your missionary, occupied a central position and were seated on the carpeted floor. Pandit Sukdeo Parshad then took his seat on the raised dais and beneath a canopy beautifully decorated with gold and coloured paper. He chanted passages from the Bhagwad Gita, then translated the passages first into Hindi and then into English, closing with the reading of a beautiful prayer in English invoking God's blessing on the visitor from India. Dr. Cropper, having beforehand been invited to do so, then offered prayer in Hindi, after which Mr. Andrews was motioned to rise and five Pandits unitedly placed round his neck a second garland of flowers similar to the first. Pandit Sukdeo read a few more passages and then Mr. Andrews offered a short prayer in English.

This was a most unique occasion for us, for never before had we entered a Hindu Temple. There was no item whatsoever in the service nor anything said or done to make us feel that we were out of place. The whole of the carpeted floor of the temple was occupied by men with earnest and interested faces. To us there was one wonderful thought-producing circumstance and outstanding feature of the day, namely the fact of these Hindu Priests not only inviting to their temple and honoring there one who is devoting his life to their country and their countrymen while openly confessing and preaching Christ, but also one (your missionary) who, living in their midst, seeks day by day to bring to their minds the knowledge of better things as found in that same Christ.

The temple ceremony being concluded we went over to the school house. Mr. Andrews and one or two others were given seats on the porch where the honored guest of the day might be easily seen and heard by all those assembled in the yard. An address of welcome was read and some congratulatory remarks made, and a little girl of about eleven years of age sang a patriotic song in Hindi.

Mr. Andrews in replying told the story of Mahatma Gandhi's "Five Fingers," as follows: (1) Use no strong drink. (2) Treat women as the equals of men. (3) Let Hindus and Mohammedans be brothers. (4) Regard high caste and low caste men as equals. (5) Be a farmer, the noblest work in the world.

The day closed with evening service at St. Cuthberts.

THE FAR CALL

(Lines on a Mission Church)

LONG years ago I wandered far from home
By lake and hill, by valley and far field,
Seeking life's path of duty which led on
In far flung solitudes; my life to yield
To Him who died my death for me that I
Might live my life for Him whose blood was shed
That sinful man through Him should never die.
His spirit, to a summer sunlit hill-top, led
Where stood a little church by forest green,
And there with hidden manna Jesus fed
His precious loved ones—though Himself unseen.
Oft have I tarried on this hilltop bright,
Oft loved to mingle with the little throng
Of worshippers by joyful day or tearful night,
At one with them in sorrow or in song.

Then passing on, by forest, lake and river,
Merely a cry in God's great wilderness,
I feel, that some great day, shall from the Giver
Of all good things, come freedom from life's stress,
To stroll again with loved ones who shall rise,
And walk the summer, sunlit hills of Paradise.

Rev. W. M. Mackay

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Mackay for this exquisite little poem, with its timely message. We, too, would re-capture the vision we sometimes lose, of the beauty to be found in the humble little churches and the manna that is being fed in the most outlying stations and, above all, the exceeding joy that should be ours in knowing that we too, have a share in the feeding of the manna.—EDITOR.

Indian Notes

MRS. H. B. CURRIE

Pagan Rites

OUR objective should be ''Canada for Christ''. Many Indians are still pagans. Our pupils tell us they still have a deep regard for their old traditions and dances. Some old medicine dances are still secretly carried on among them. They will go to a lonely place and build a tent out of brush or hay, place a centre pole painted red and blue to represent the sun and sky, on top of which they fasten feathers, dress up in their beaded dresses and moccasins, paint their faces, and carry skins of weasles, muskrats and gophers containing Indian medicine. The sick person is placed in the centre and the dancers circle and dance around him for hours without food, pointing at him with their medicine filled skins, in order to chase his disease away.

Old Indians have a fear of some dreams. For instance, if he dreams of a wild animal he fears a calamity and, in order to avert this, he places a live dog in the centre of a swift running stream and leaves the animal there until it dies. It is very hard to stamp out their old beliefs and their faith in the medicine man. They have had great power in the past and have been the cause of many deaths, their methods being very crude and coarse. The pupils greatly fear the medicine man as they have no faith in their cures and fear their methods.

Supplies and the Joy They Bring

Our schools are deeply grateful to the W.M.S. for their wonderful work in providing staff for our schools and clothing for our boys and girls. Without these the work could not have been carried on. The comfort and cheer the Supply Department is able to furnish can hardly be estimated, and if the W.M.S. ladies could visit our Birtle School and see how we patch and mend the children's clothing I feel sure they would be satisfied that nothing is wasted. And our bales of Christmas gifts are wonderful and bring so much joy and gladness.

An Indian Boy's Attitude Towards Housework

Before we came to Birtle the boys were not expected to do anything in the home and when I insisted upon them attending to their own dormitories, etc., there was great consternation. One little lad of eleven years old, when I asked him if he did not want to know how to make his bed and learn to scrub said, ''We ain't womens. We are boys and we want to go and trap gophers and rabbits.'' Even in these little fellows one can see they have a longing for freedom and the roaming spirit is within them. But it is just as unfair for us to judge them by the wandering element we meet occasionally as it is to judge the white people by the members of our race who tour the country on the bumpers of freight trains.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

OUR book business is rapidly increasing, which shows how carefully all our members read the *Glad Tidings.* It also shows, as one member expressed it the other day, the need there is for just such a department in our Society. The very special book bargains listed in the November issue have been selling so rapidly that we are already apprehensive lest we shall not have enough to fill all the orders. However, we are going to do our very best for everyone.

It is impossible to list all the books we have in stock. In the first place we buy perhaps only one or two copies of each title to see the value of the book from the point of view of our own work, and it is therefore difficult to list all of these with a review of each, but as the time goes on we hope to mention a number of miscellaneous titles. In any case, if anyone requires a book on prayer, inspirational reading, missionary stories, etc., we shall be glad to get something along the line suggested.

Among the Mary Stewart books described last month ''Tell Me A True Story'' seems to be the favorite. This book tells the lovely Bible stories with a new interest for the little ones. Reg. $1.75 while they last, 75c.

For personal Christmas gifts THE UNCERTAIN TRUMPET is the new book out by A. S. M. Hutchinson. This is written very much in the same style as ''If Winter Comes'' only the characters are entirely different. Pelham Heritage marries Dawn, a very lovely young wife. A sincere young vicar enters the story and from his gropings to serve the church in what he believes to be the highest way, the author gets the title for his story. Price $2.00.

THE LAUGHING BUDDHA by James Livingstone Stewart, is out in the new second edition. This book is written by a Canadian who has passed twenty-three years in the western parts of China and who knows Chinese character as very few do. Adventure, suspense and realism mark every page, and back of it all is the swinging power of Christianity impelling Lew-chee toward the faith and truth of a heart enlightened. We recommend this book to all who like stirring reading combined with a missionary atmosphere. Price $2.00.

THE STUMBLING SHEPHERD by H. A. CODY, is the latest book from the pen of this well known Canadian author. It is rather surprising that, being a clergyman, he unhesitatingly criticises, through the medium of his leading character, some of the weaknesses of his church, and the thoughts expressed may well be applied to many of our churches. This is a splendid book very suitable for a gift to adults who prefer quiet thoughtful stories. Many readers will find in this a nice story with deep, spiritual inspiration throughout its pages. $2.00.

THE NEW JAPANESE WOMANHOOD by Allen K. Faust, Ph.D., is a book setting forth in an interesting way the development of Japanese women from the old days of subserviency to the new era in which they are being educated and taking their place in new fields. This is one of our specials—regularly $1.50 for 75c., while they last.

PLATFORM AIDS, is a well bound book in blue cloth, containing excerpts from sermons of leading ministers. There are chapters on missions, missionary qualifications as well as many other ethical subjects. Price each 35c.

WILD GARDEN is the last collection of verse by Bliss Carman. Lyrics and exquisite poems are included. Price $2.00.

FIRELIGHT FANCIES by Lereine Ballantyne, is a dainty book of verse suitable for gift purposes. Price 75c.

For Younger Ones

The PICTURE GAME OF PREMA is a fascinating cut-out game to entertain the Mission Band younger members by cutting out the clothing of an Indian family and placing them on the picture. Prema is a little girl living in India and by learning about her we learn about our Indian friends. Price 15c.

We have a number of other cut-outs and games, which we do not stock in quantities, but can always order these for you on request. They are interesting for those studying India, Japan or China. CAROLS and Christmas recitation books are also on our shelves.

MISTA McKAY by Eliza MacGregor, is a small biography of Rev. Hugh McKay who was one of the pioneer missionaries in our own Canadian North West. It tells some stirring incidents of those early days. The price in paper cover is 25c.

STORIES FROM FORMOSA is a very interesting book containing real live stories about this country wherein are our own particular interests. It is bound in red cloth, for 90c.

More copies of THE DOCTOR, GORRY and BOYSIE, all by Isabel Cameron, have arrived for Christmas selling. Each sell for 35c.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOUR is a collection of charming little stories suitable for children from about seven to eleven years old, and is sponsored by our own W.M.S. It is nicely bound in a hard board cover, is 5¼" x 7½" and sells for 50c.

LITTLE LORD JESUS is the prettiest of the juvenile books. It is bound in a gay Christmas red, exquisitely illustrated and contains pretty little poems, stories of Jesus as a little boy, pictures on many subjects and gay little drawings in red and black. We sell it for only 25c.

1. THE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN BOOK 2. MORE "VERY YOUNG SONGS" 3. THE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN READER	By A. A. Milne are among the higher priced books we carry for Christmas gifts for little ones. Priced at 1, $2.00; 2, $2.50; 3, $1.25.

THE SHINING SHIP and other Verses, by Isabel Ecclestone Mackay is a charming book of verse with many new poems in this latest edition, $2.00.

PLEASE COME TO MY PARTY by Bertha M. Hamilton, is a story pleasingly written, and containing ideas for twelve complete parties with details all planned out, of games, prizes, invitations and refreshments. Price $1.75.

OUR LETTER BOX

Gathering Material for the Nursery Home for Little Children

Amkhut, India.

"THE Children's Nursing Home has begun in a topsy-turvy way. I have had the tiles for the roof all made—the potter is standing at the door now waiting patiently for his money. We hope to get the wood bought and the contracts for lime and brick made right after the rains. We are still working on the plans for it. I am not anxious to begin the work until Dr. Buchanan returns as Mr. Toombs has neither time nor experience enough to undertake it and I do not feel competent either.

I am so sorry to have to tell you that our little Toran Mall baby girl died before we got back up there. It was not lack of care, I'm sure of that for they all loved the little one, but they just didn't know what ailed her and she slipped away. —*Bertha W. Robson.*

Hymn Books for the Hinterland

Grande Prairie, Alta.

"MANY thanks for the hymn books received this week. I appreciate the promptness with which my request was met. I will remember your offer regarding magazines, etc., and will take advantage of it as occasion arises. You will be interested to know that I am the first ordained missionary of our Church in the Peace River district and consequently have a vast area to cover, my itinerary covering some 550 miles. I hope however that it will not be long until we are represented in many places in this glorious northern country. Your hymn books will travel with me wherever I go and in some remote part of our country each Sunday they will be used." —*E. A. Wright.*

Order of Service for the Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL W.M.S.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1930.

MRS. W. A. MCLENNAN

PRAISE: Hymn 282, ''Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers''.

A MEDITATION: Our Watchword for 1930.

''*And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee;* he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither be dismayed''.—Deut. 31:8.

(Will the presiding officer dwell very briefly on this passage to the end that we may each take it as our watchword for this year.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In unison).

Most Merciful God, Who through the changes of our mortal life dost ever teach us to number our days, and apply our hearts unto wisdom, accept our gratitude, for the unnumbered blessings of the year that is passed, mercifully blot out the many sins which stain the book of Thy remembrance and sanctify to us this hour of worship, that we may be enabled to face the future, without fear, confident in Thy protection, and trusting in Thy guidance, and this we seek in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: ''Ye Are My Witnesses'', Isaiah 43:1-13; 40:27-31.

PRAYER: For a more earnest faithful study of God's Holy Word; a revival of confidence in God and in His promises; and a deeper prayer life.

PRAISE: Hymn 472, ''Still With Thee, O My God''.

SCRIPTURE: ''Feed My Sheep'', St. John 21:4-17.

PRAYER: For all who guide the young, in the home, in the Sabbath School, in the Church and in the college, that they may be given wisdom to lead wisely, so that our young men and women in all vocations may give their lives for the service of Christ and His Church.

PRAISE: Hymn 545, ''Faith of our Fathers, Living Still''.

BRIEF ADDRESS: ''Guardians of a Heritage.''

PRAYER: (1) Missions at home; our missionaries:— deaconesses, social service, hospital and institutional workers.

(2) Missions abroad; for all those who carry the good news of the gospel to lands across the sea.

DOXOLOGY: 811.

LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison).

This service is planned to last not longer than one hour.

Meditation and Prayer

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass. . . . and when they had seen it, they made known abroad. . . . .

A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy tender love didst give Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature, and to be born as at this time for us. With angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and glorify Thy glorious Name. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

O Thou who art seen only by those who are pure in heart, we beseech Thee to take from us the iniquity which separates us from Thee. Purge us and wash us that no cloud remains, that nothing obscures the brightness of Thy face. We would offer to Thee in all humility ourselves, our strength, our time, our means, to the end that the peoples who still walk in darkness may see this great Light.

And O blessed Lord, who art more ready to give than we to ask, strengthen those who have gone from us with the tidings of comfort and joy to these peoples. Thou wilt not withhold the Christmas joy from them in their separation from familiar scenes, nor Thy special Presence and blessing this day. And to all Thy people by whatever name we be called, grant Thy benediction and guidance until we reach the City which has no need of the sun neither of the moon to shine in it for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof. For the sake of the Holy Child Who was born for us all this day. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Suggested Programme for December

We would suggest that members follow the programme which heads chapter 2 of ''Couriers of the King''. If desired, substitute hymns and scripture reading suited to the Christmas season. The beautiful meditation and prayer (*Glad Tidings* p. 432) was prepared especially for this service, the thought of the writer being that the presiding officer would read the verses as a meditation and, immediately following, the President, or a member chosen to do so, would offer the prayer.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Have You Seen the Star?

SOMETIMES the question comes to mind why, on that first, clear Christmas morning, more spectators were not privileged to behold the star in the east and to hear the angel's message of peace and goodwill. Were it to-day, the shepherds might telephone or telegraph their discovery, or the wise men broadcast their good news to the expectant world. Such was the case when recently the Graf's zeppelin crossed the skies and showed its lighted windows against the darkness of the night. Messages proclaimed ahead its coming and thousands of eager spectators raised their eyes to this wonder of the twentieth century.

But what of the star in this year of 1929? How many are again missing its light and meaning at the Christmas season in spite of the modern inventions for the transmitting of news? Have you seen this star in the east? Have you heard its accompanying assurance— ''Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord''? If so, make known the fact. Let it be revealed in the gladness of your smile, the cheer of your Christmas carol, your acts of unselfish love and thoughtfulness. In this way, Christmas may be known the whole wide world around.—*Muriel J. Gray.*

Christmas Greetings from the Tamsui Girls' School

''Dear Canadian Girls:—

If you came to the Tamsui Girls' School at Christmas time you would find it an empty and silent place, for the girls have all gone to spend the inter-term holidays at their homes. Of course we call it the Christmas holidays among ourselves but that season does not mean so much to them as it does to us. Their big holiday when everyone is supposed, if possible, to be in his own home is the Chinese New Year which falls some time in February. Then they have feasting.

However, before the girls go to their homes they are just as busy as you girls in Canada. They have those terrible things, examinations, which strike fear to the heart in the East as they do in the West so I am sure I need say no more about them.

Then, too, the girls who teach in the Sunday Schools have a busy time preparing the children to take their part in the Sunday School entertainment. That means going to the Church day after day and going over the same thing time after time just the same as in Canada. The entertainment is a real event in the lives of these children and everyone must have a part. Last year one of the girls taught her class to say a verse about Merry Christmas in English and they were quite pleased.

The people began to come before six o'clock and we sat there till almost ten but everyone was happy especially when the gifts were given out. These were more or less according to the attendance and consisted of such useful articles as towels, soap, and tooth brushes.

When this is all over the girls think they have earned a holiday and go to their homes rejoicing amidst all the flurry and clatter that you would expect a hundred girls to make.

Then the coolie comes with his pails of water and soap and such a cleaning as there is in that school for many days.

So when you come to Tamsui I hope that you will choose another time unless it is for an hour on Christmas morning when the foreigners hold their service there for I am sure you would enjoy that as much as we do.''

—*Dorothy Douglas.*

Affiliated Groups

Ontario.—''Faithful'' Group, Riverside Ch.; ''Sunbeam'' Club Presbyterian Church, Norwood; ''Olive Ross'' Group, Knox Ch., Windsor.

Quebec.—''Surtula'' Group, Lachute; ''Silver Band'' Group, Stanley Ch., Westmount.

Saskatchewan.—St. James Church Group, Melfort; St. Andrew's Girls' Club Sr., St. Andrew's Ch., Saskatoon; Girl Guides, St. Andrew's Church, Tisdale; Measure Girls Circle, Parkview Ch., Saskatoon.

MISSION BANDS

PROGRAMME

Hymn 729—"Away in a Manger". *Bible Lesson*—Matt. 2:1-15 (led by leader). *Prayer*—For the World's Children. *Questions and Answers*—Why are we glad, why offer gifts, etc., at Christmas time? *Sentence Prayers. Hymn* 168—"While Shepherds Watched". *Offering and Prayer:*

We thank Thee Father in this glad time
We each can have a part
Accept our gifts, we pray Thee
We give with grateful hearts. Amen.

Address or *Story. Closing Hymn* 171—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing". *Our Lord's Prayer* (in unison).

Christmas Story

LAURA A. DILL

IN a Girls' Mission School in China a few years ago their teacher asked the girls to memorize this verse:

"Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be,
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee."

The girls not only committed the verse to memory but decided to take for the new year "Others" as their motto.

The months passed by and Christmas time drew near. Now those girls had been receiving presents each year, but thinking of their motto, one girl said, "Let *us* give presents this Christmas to some of those who have not as much as we have." They all agreed. Then another girl said, "We have no money, how can we buy presents?"

Then they began to plan ways and means just as our Mission Band members would plan. Now Chinese girls love to dress up and put on plays just as our Canadian girls do, and they decided to put on a play entitled, "Christmas in Many Lands". What fun they had, especially when they had to dress to represent girls in Europe, Africa and America! It was a lot of work but they carried out their plans and their play was a great success. They made over $50. Then they decided to give bags of candy and peanuts to 500 children and to provide a dinner for one hundred others. Bags of candy? That was a real problem for there were no bags to be had in their country. But they were not beaten. With newspapers and paste they made the bags.

On Sunday afternoon the boys from the Boys' School stood at the gates of the compound and admitted those who had tickets. At the doors of the Church the teachers received the tickets and the happy children were then taken to their seats by the girls. Then they had a beautiful Christmas service. As the 500 left the Church the boys and girls of the Mission Schools gave to each a Christmas present. Some were so afraid that the precious bag might break, that they made aprons of their dresses to catch the nuts and candies for fear they should be lost.

The next day a hundred children had dinner at the Girls' School and there was such an abundance to eat that thirty-five more children were brought in by the missionaries.

Do you not think that it was a beautiful way in which those girls carried out their motto, ''Others''?

The girls had their own Christmas gifts that night and all agreed that it was ''the very happiest Christmas ever'', as one girl said.

Here in our own dear land, hundreds of boys and girls will be happier for the thought of what their gifts will mean for ''Others''.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and would remind you that— Inasmuch as you do it to one of His little ones you do it unto Him.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

''REBUILDING the wall of Jerusalem,'' was the subject of an excellent address given by Mrs. F. W. Allott, of Calgary, at the annual Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Lethbridge, on October 8th.

Mrs. A. Robertson, of Vegreville, reports that their many activities are under way. The Mission Band is practising for a concert. The W.M.S. is studying ''The Royal Road,'' and the Rev. A. Robertson is preaching on ''The Creation'', using slides in illustration.

Strathcona W.M.S. made a study of the Constitution at the October meeting. This organization is doing excellent work.

A most interesting event was celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, Edmonton, recently when they had the satisfaction of ''burning the mortgage'' on the Church.

Mrs. James Adam, Presbyterial President, presided at the annual Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of First Church, Edmonton, on

October 16th. Rev. Thomas Tait gave the address, taking as his subject, "The Oriental Mind in Missions". Assisting in the programme were members of the Y.W.M.A. and the Wakotas Girls' Club. The contributions amounted to $361.10, which included two Honorary certificates, and three Life Memberships.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. WM. CUTHBERT, 1820-5TH AVE., W. VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

AT the autumn meeting of the Westminster Presbyterial many encouraging reports were heard. Mrs. E. D. Murchie told of a new Y.W. Auxiliary at Robertson Church. Names sent to the Welcome and Welfare Department are to be distributed to the Auxiliaries by the Presbyterial Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Douglas. Vancouver centre, however, will be allocated by Mrs. W. H. MacInnes. Several Sunday School libraries have been placed by Mrs. Oliver, of Haney. The annual meeting is to be held, D.V., in St. Stephen's Church New Westminster, on January 28th, 1930.

St. Paul's W.M.S. held an interesting gathering at the home of Mrs. G. Sinclair Smith, Library Secretary, it was called a "book shower," and a goodly number of books were received. An enjoyable programme, followed by refreshments brought the meeting to a close.

At the October meeting of the Provincial Board, it was our great privilege to have with us Mrs. Clay from Victoria, who gave an excellent report of the meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System, recently held at Boston, U.S.A. She reported Presbyterian activities as told by noted and able speakers, which were most encouraging. Problems of higher education were discussed, and inevitably we will reap the benefit of their deliberations. We felt that in sending Mrs. Clay, the Council Executive had made a fitting choice. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Clay. The Board also had the pleasure of meeting Miss Whitby who has come to take up the work begun by Miss Jenkinson.

At a meeting of the "Helen M. Ledingham" Mission Band, at Livingstone Church, one of the workers from Fairview Church superintended the proceedings. These dear young people have just started in this work and it was touching to see how bravely they "carried on." Miss Jean MacKenzie is the President and gives promise of good faithful service. A letter was read from Mrs. A. G. MacKenzie, Mission Band Secretary, encouraging the little folks in their work and presenting to them a contest whereby they might secure a banner.

Mrs. Ledingham, Provincial President, spoke to the children, presenting them with nicely bound books in which to record their Mission

Band proceedings. Miss Whitby was introduced and spoke a few words. It might also be mentioned that these children constitute the choir and after their Mission Band meeting they gathered for choir practice. May God bless these dear young workers!

A Thank-offering meeting was held in Fairview Presbyterian Church by its W.M.S. Auxiliary. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Jean Craig, who kept her audience in rapt attention, as she told of her work in India.

The following is a complete list of missionary papers available for use at the present time. Auxiliaries are asked to cut this out and keep for future reference.

China To-day; Life of W. J. McKenzie of Korea; The Value of Missions; Formósa; Why Christian Missions; The Bhil Field; Gwalior; To the Jew First; Changing Leadership, (this is a very wonderful study based on reports from American missions regarding the place of women in national Churches.)

Mrs. David A. Smith, 175 10th Ave. W., Vancouver, is Provincial Exchange Secretary.

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MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

BRANDON P.S.—The annual Thank-offering of Knox Church W.M.S., Carberry, was held October 16th. Visitors from Brandon and Wellwood Auxiliaries were present. The President, Mrs. Ellerington, presided. Reports from the Council meeting were given by Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Mrs. A. Shewan and Mrs. J. F. Leslie, all of Brandon. Mrs. M. G. Abey, Presbyterial Supply Secretary, gave a short talk on the work in her department. Greetings were brought from the Wellwood Auxiliary by Mrs. F. Graham. A pleasing feature of the programme was a chorus by a number of Mission Band girls.

The annual Thank-offering of First Church W.M.S., Brandon, was held October 15th, and was largely attended. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. A. McDonald, presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. C. S. Oke, and an interesting address in which she urged the need of Thanks-living as well as Thanks-giving was delivered by Mrs. H. White, of Lenore. The offering was over $190.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of Hartney, was held September 26th and was well attended. Mrs. A. G. McDonald, of Brandon, was special speaker. In the first part of her address, Mrs. McDonald ably reviewed the work and in the second part, gave a very inspiring address on the call of the disciples.

Superior P.S. met in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, October 9th. All reports were very satisfactory. The Stranger's Secretary reported 900 calls. Miss Grigor reported having made 400. Mrs. Cranston, President of Port Arthur Auxiliary, gave her report of the Council meeting in Ottawa.

The ''Margaret Hogarth'' Mission Band, West Fort William, held their meeting October 21st. After devotions they had a concert at which most of the members took some part. There was a splendid attendance of parents and friends.

St. Andrew's W.M.S., Fort William, held their Thank-offering October 16th. The President, Mrs. Dow, conducted the devotions. Rev. J. A. McMahon, minister of Port Arthur Presbyterian Church, gave the address of the afternoon. Miss Grigor gave a talk on our missionaries of Japan. There was a good attendance and a generous offering.

Winnipeg P.S.—In connection with the W.M.S. of St. John's Church, Winnipeg, a Home Helpers meeting was held in the Church on September 3rd. The President, Mrs. J. Stanley Flook, presided, and helpful addresses on ''The Importance of the Home Helpers Department in the Auxiliary'' were given by Mrs. A. J. Sutherland, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, and Mrs. J. M. Niven, Auxiliary Home Helpers Secretary. Two inspirational readings were given by Mrs. J. Neville. During the social hour the members had the privilege of getting better acquainted with the new members.

The annual birthday party of Knox Church Mission Band, Selkirk, was held June 10th in the school-room. Out of 104 present 52 were members, 25 children visitors and 27 adults. The collection amounted to the splendid sum of $15.75. The programme was divided into two parts. The first part was the regular meeting of the Band and the special thought brought out was that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that He cares for all His sheep. The second part consisted of choruses, duets, and recitations bearing on our Mission Band work.

ONTARIO

MRS. G. TOWER FERGUSSON, 70 MADISON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

BARRIE P.S.—A social gathering was held in Orillia Presbyterian Church to enable friends of Miss Isobel Taylor and Mr. Robert Taylor to express, before their departure for Toronto, their good wishes for the success of the work they are undertaking, the former preparing for service in the foreign field and the latter for the ministry. Gifts were presented to them by the congregation and Sunday School Teachers' Association.

The northern division of the Presbyterial held its sectional meeting at Duntroon, October 23rd, when the President, Mrs. A. E. Swallow, Stayner, reported the Council meeting at Ottawa.

Thank-offering Meetings

Collingwood Auxiliary, October 16th, speakers, Rev. Wm. MacMillan, pastor of the Church and Mrs. Graham, formerly a missionary in China. A generous offering was received.

Orillia, a gathering made notable by the presence and address of Mrs. Daniel Strachan, President of the W.M.S., an audience of 250, and offering of $500 including four Life Memberships and four In Memoriams.

Thornbury-Clarksburg, October 29th, addressed by Mrs. A. E. Swallow, Presbyterial President.

Schomberg, Alliston, Stroud, Oro, Gravenhurst, Stayner, Sunnidale, Duntroon, Nottawa, West Church, all addressed by Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa.

Sectional Meetings

Brockville P.S.—October 17th, afternoon meeting, addressed by Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, and review of semi-annual meeting of Provincial Executive, by Mrs. James O. Riddell, President. Evening addresses, Rev. Mr. Fowlie, Rev. W. Maclean, South Mountain and Miss Lamont.

St. Andrew's Church, Spencerville, afternoon of October 10th, attended by representatives from Iroquois, Cardinal, Pittston, Dixon's Corners, Ventnor and Spencerville. Papers by Mrs. W. Armstrong "Strengthening the Weak Points of an Auxiliary," "Stewardship" by Mrs. R. Johnson, "How to Pray for Missions" by Mrs. A. Melville, Cardinal; speakers, Miss Lamont and Mrs. James S. Riddell.

Spencerville Auxiliary, Thank-offering evening meeting, October 10th, addressed by Miss Lamont.

Guelph P.S.—In Knox Church, Galt, October 15th, and 16th, the Guelph Presbytery held a convention on Church life and work. On the first afternoon, one of the group meetings was held by the Presbyterial, the President, Miss Macrae, Galt, presiding. This will take the place of the usual fall rally.

The Auxiliaries of Knox Church, Elora, and St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, had for the speaker at their Thank-offering meetings in October, Miss Winifred Ferguson.

The Matheson M.B. of Knox Church, Preston, at an afternoon tea and candy sale, September 21st, realized $16.75 for the furnishing of the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home," at Amkhut.

Hamilton P.S.—The October meeting was well attended by representatives from rural and city Churches. Reports told of increasing activities in many branches, including the organization of eleven C.G.I.T. groups and fourteen Mission Bands. Experiences of the summer school at Knox College, and of the Council meeting at Ottawa, were related by Miss Reid and Mrs. J. A. Locheed, respectively.

Huron P.S. annual autumn meeting was held September 24th in Knox

Church, Auburn. Secretarial reports were followed by those of the annual Provincial meeting (Miss Reid, Seaforth), and Knox College Summer School (Miss Elsie Winter). The address was delivered by Mrs. David Ritchie, President, Sarnia Presbyterial. Dedication of the bell of the new Church and an address by the Rev. G. M. Dunn, of Toronto, opened the afternoon session of a joint meeting of the Presbytery and Presbyterial.

Fiftieth Anniversary

Lindsay P.S.—The Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, on September 20th, when former Presidents and members from Toronto and Ottawa were present, as well as representatives from a number of Auxiliaries in Lindsay Presbyterial. An historical sketch having been presented by Mrs. Frankish, for forty years an active member, Mrs. McKinnel, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Spears were each presented with a nosegay of pretty flowers by members of the Mission Band. Greetings were brought from the Presbytery by Rev. Mr. Scott, Cannington, Moderator, and the pastor, Rev. J. C. Robinson, and from the Presbyterial and Provincial Society by Mrs. McLennan, Toronto. Personal reminiscences were given by Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Burchell and Mrs. McKenzie, and letters of regret read from Mrs. J. D. Walker and Mrs. H. J. Gould, former Presidents, who were unable to be present.

Ottawa P.S.—During October successful Thank-offering meetings were held throughout the Presbyterial. Those in Knox, Erskine and St. Giles' Churches, Ottawa, were addressed by the Rev. D. MacOdrum, Brockville.

Peterborough P.S.—Mrs. Wm. Rochester, President, Ontario Provincial, addressed the Thank-offering meeting of Cobourg Auxiliary, October 29th.

In Memoriam

With deep regret is recorded the passing, in October, of Mrs. H. J. Matthews, Lakeport, for many years an efficient, faithful Auxiliary worker.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, THE "MANSE", BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—A meeting of the Executive was held September 20th, in the Presbyterian Church at St. Andrew's East. Mrs. A. W. Lamb, President, occupied the chair.

The devotional exercises by Mrs. Owen Campbell were both an inspiration and a challenge. The Rev. R. L. Ballantyne, D.D., pastor of the Church, welcomed the members and friends. Reports from Secretaries were submitted.

The speaker of the day was Dr. Margaret O'Hara, who for thirty-five years was our medical missionary in India, and who gave personal glimpses of her strenuous life there.

Mrs. A. W. Pae spoke briefly on the value of women's organizations, stating that where there was a women's organization the Church was strong and as leaders they must strive for greater knowledge and a clearer vision, in order to be able to relate to others in an attractive way the value of our missionary work.

The first sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held at Rockburn, September 28th. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, was present. A large number of delegates from all the neighboring Auxiliaries attended. The morning session was presided over by Mrs. Gibson. Mrs. Kilgour, of Beauharnois, led the devotions. Mrs. Waller, of Rockburn, gave the address of welcome. This was followed by reports from the Auxiliaries, Y.W. Auxiliaries, C.G.I.T. Groups and Mission Bands. Every Auxiliary was represented except Valleyfield. All reports showed great interest being taken in the work and an optimistic outlook regarding their allocations being met.

Mrs. Lamb expressed her pleasure at the way the work was progressing and opened the meeting for discussions of problems. Many helpful suggestions were given by members.

The afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. Elder, of Athelstan. Devotions were led by Mrs. H. R. Graham, of Huntingdon. Miss Cameron, of Montreal, gave an interesting talk to the Mission Bands on the children of the foreign countries. Other speakers were Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. Pae and Mrs. Fowlie, of Montreal. The meeting closed with an earnest address by Miss Lamont.

So great was the interest taken in this first sectional meeting that it was decided to hold one annually.

Provincial Board Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Board was held in Knox-Crescent Church, October 15th, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President, in the chair. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. G. W. Grier. Miss Davidson welcomed the out-of-town members.

The morning was devoted to the reception and discussion of the departmental reports, nearly all of which showed substantial increase. The advance made in all lines by Quebec Presbyterial during the past six months has been most marked and gratifying. Much work has been overtaken by our port workers and if immigration continues to increase, a larger staff will be necessary. Hand in hand with this department goes that of ''Welcome and Welfare'' which has been most ably handled by our cross-city workers. Considerable discussion arose as to the best plan of welcoming students and nurses coming to our city.

At the afternoon meeting the Board had the pleasure of greeting Miss Yuill, newly appointed Girls' Work Secretary. Ways and means of promoting the interest in the World Day of Prayer was discussed and appreciation of the work done by the Summer School held in the Huntingdon School Home expressed.

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MOOSE JAW P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Moose Jaw, Miss Macarthur, of Montreal, now deaconess-at-large in Regina, gave a very interesting address on ''Immigration.'' Mrs. Drynan had charge of the devotional exercises.

Regina P.S.—The W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, held their Thank-offering service on the evening of October 29th, in the auditorium of the Church. Miss Macarthur, of Montreal, and Rev. D. Wilkie, of North Side Presbyterian Church, brought us encouraging and helpful messages. A generous offering was received.

Saskatoon-Prince Albert P.S.—Coleville W.M.S. reports that they received great encouragement and inspiration from Mrs. Brent's splendid report of the Council meeting in Ottawa. This Society drove to Kindersley W.M.S. on August 3rd and passed on this inspiration and report.

Eighteen members of the Girls' Club of St. Andrew's Church, North Battleford, spent a happy ten days at camp at Meota Beach.

Moose Jaw P.S.—Mrs. Green gave a résumé of the Council at the October meeting of Briercrest Auxiliary, which was much enjoyed.

In almost every instance a social hour followed the Thank-offering meetings.

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Government Grant for the Cecilia Jeffrey School	3,000.00
Pensions	12.14

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Alberta	500.00
British Columbia	275.00
Manitoba	585.00
Ontario	10,500.00
Quebec	1,200.00
Saskatchewan	420.00
	$16,962.14

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital	$ 260.00
McMurray Hospital	94.16
Canora Hospital	400.00
Vegreville Hospital	325.00
Chinese in Canada	643.13
Indian School "Cecilia Jeffrey"	$ 503.33
Government Grant, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	3,000.00
Indian School, Birtle	432.44
Indian School, Mistawasis	152.00
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New Liskeard School Home	64.16
Saskatoon School Home	355.15
Prince Albert School Home	115.00
Vegreville School Home	642.00
Social Service	1,319.59
China, South	166.66
India, Gwalior	1,000.00
Chinese Christian Literature, Shanghai	50.00
Formosa	529.14
British Guiana	83.33
Publications	2,169.42
Organization	533.80
Pensions	191.66
Supplies	384.97
Miscellaneous	565.87
Deputation	243.25
Administration	728.95
Education of two Chinese Girls	60.50
Legacy refunded from Ontario Provincial givings	100.00
	$15,545.74

FINANCIAL SURVEY

Balance on hand September 30th, 1929	$60,487.55	
Receipts	16,962.14	
Disbursements		$15,545.74
Bank Balance		13,806.12
Pension Fund		5,215.79
Legacy Fund		5,169.76
Sustaining Fund		26,827.46
Bonds		10,180.00
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Hong Kong Banking Corporation		250.00
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	$77,449.69	$77,449.69

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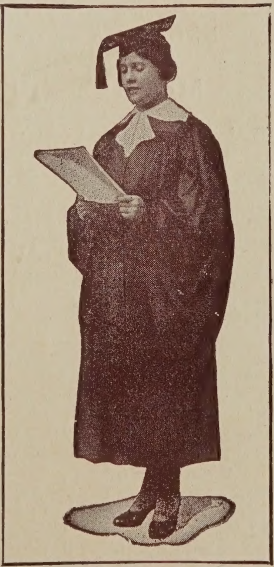

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